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Fort Almanac—February 9.

Sun Rises	6.55 A M
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High Water at Southport	1.19 A M
High Water at Wilmington	3.02 A M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE.
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 9.

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 a. m., 43°; 8 p. m., 55°; maximum, 62°; minimum, 41°; mean, 52°.

Rainfall for the day, trace; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 1.59.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 8.—At 8 a. m. the stage of water in the Cape Fear river was 36 5 feet and falling.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina—Local showers in the early morning, followed by fair and cooler weather; northerly winds.

OUTLINES.

Washington news — Proceedings against the steamer Three Friends; Captain Taylor ordered to go to sea with the battleship Indiana and join Admiral Bunce's squadron; William H. Munger to be district Judge for the district of Nebraska. —— Monroe Johnson, colored, was hanged in the county jail in Charlotte yesterday —— Spots and futures—New York *Sun's* review of the cotton market. —— Senate—Practically the whole of yesterday's session of the Senate took place behind closed doors, the question under consideration being the Anglo-American arbitration treaty; the House of Representatives was taken up almost wholly in the consideration of business relating to the District of Columbia —— Admiral Bunce's fleet ran straight into the teeth of a terrible storm Friday night; the battleship Main had six of her men overboard, three of them losing their lives; the Marblehead lost one man and had six injured. —— New York markets: Money on call easy at 1½@2 per cent., last loan at 1½@2 per cent., closing offered at 1½ per cent.; cotton quiet—middling 7¼c. Southern flour quiet and steady—common to fair extra $3 30@3 60; good to choice $3 75@4 00; wheat—spot dull and easier; No. 2 red free on board 94¾c; corn—spot dull but steady, No. 2 28¾c at elevator and 29¼c afloat; rosin quiet—strained common to good $1 70; spirits turpentine firm at 28½@29c.

Ambassador Bayard seems to have come to the conclusion that the shortest cut to the esteem of John Bull is through his stomach.

It is said that Senator-elect Heitfelt, of Idaho, can scarcely write his name. But this need not embarrass him. He can buy a rubber stamp for a quarter.

It is said that 150,000,000 pounds of peanuts go from this country to France, where the oil is extracted, and much of it sent to this country and sold as olive oil.

It must be that they haven't got any groundhogs in Rhode Island, for here comes one of the weather prophets of that strip of land predicting fourteen more snowstorms this Winter.

The chief proof-reader of the London *Times* is master of seven languages, and he needs them all to fully express his sentiments when he tackles some of the leading editorials as they come from the compositors.

When tempted to cast imprecations and your bootjack at tabby on the rear shed, think a moment before you shy either. The mewing of a cat saved the lives of 127 persons in a burning house in Harlem a few nights ago.

President McKinley private secretary is a newspaper man—editor of the Hartford *Post*. The probabilities are that fewer newspaper men's cards will find their way into the private secretary's waste basket under the next administration than under the present. Thurber seemed to be under the impression that newspaper men all carried dynamite bombs in their pockets.

Mr. McKinley has given it out that he does not propose to give any attention to distributing the offices in his gift until the tariff question is disposed of, from which the Congressmen may understand that if they wish to be solid, when it comes to patronage, that they must toe the mark and boost that tariff bill. Hanna and McKinley know the seductive influence of soft snaps on the average Republican statesman.

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A French physician has discovered a new way of administering iron in large doses. He feeds his hens freely on iron, which digested passes into the albumen of the eggs on which he feeds his weak-stomach patients. If other doctors of an experimental turn of mind could persuade their hens to feed on quinine, and other disagreeable drugs that ailing mortality has to swallow, thus medicating the eggs so that the sick could take their doses hard boiled or soft boiled according to fancy, it would be a decided improvement on present methods and make the hen and the doctor, too, immensely popular.

According to statistics homicides in Great Britain last year numbered 24 per month compared with 875 per month in this country. But there are not so many inducements to kill people over there as here are here, killers don't get their pictures in the papers so much, and there are not so many hip-pocket attachments. They don't have the killing instruments so handy.

The New York *Times*, which supported McKinley, thinks it will be "an insult to our sister Republic and a disgrace to the United States" if the notorious Powell Clayton be sent as Minister to Mexico. But why? Isn't Powell Clayton a typical Republican?

The fact that an English syndicate has offered $9,009,000 for the Cincinnati breweries is cited as proof that it has confidence in the future of this country. It is at least proof that it has confidence in the beer-absorbing capacity of this country.

Influenced no doubt by the declining price of eggs, the hens have gone to laying, and the female ostrich in the New York Central Garden made a start with a five pound egg.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

S. W. SANDERS—Something sweet.
P. B. MANNING—Foreclosure sale.
IREDELL MEARES—Assignee's sale.

NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

WANTED—Family school by lady.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. F. A. Tucker, of Fair Bluff, was here yesterday.

— Col. D. P. Heaf left Sunday night for New York city.

— Mr. John R. Fisher, Jr., of Southport, was here yesterday.

— Mr. T. E. James left yesterday afternoon for Portsmouth, Va.

— Mr. W. L. Groom, of Rocky Mount, was registered here yesterday.

— Mr. L. D. Cherry, of Long Creek, was noted among yesterday's arrivals.

— Mr. John Lewis, formerly of this city, but now of New York, is in town.

— Mr. Jacob Powell, of Long Creek, was among the visitors here yesterday.

— Messrs. P. C. Enniss and W. L. Moore, of Raleigh, were on our streets yesterday.

— Mr. J. A. Westbrook, of Mount Olive, was one of yesterday's hotel registrations.

— Messrs. W. R. Phillips and G. W. Brown, of the Goldsboro *Argus*, were registered in this city Sunday.

— Mr. F. Fosgate, of Auburn, N. Y., a regular reader of the STAR, was a welcome visitor in this office yesterday.

— Mr. A. L. Bullock, of the well-known and successful firm of A. L. & W. F. Bullock, Alfordsville, was here yesterday on business.

— Mr. E. Gerry Barker, formerly a prominent merchant of this city, but now of Woburn, Mass., is here visiting friends and acquaintances.

— Mr. J. W. Norwood returned yesterday, accompanied by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Norwood, of Greenville, S. C.

— W. H. Long, of Raleigh, representing C. W. Garrett & Co., proprietors of the Medoc Vineyards, was among yesterday's hotel arrivals.

— Miss Lotta McDonald has returned from an extended pleasure trip South. She is an amiable young lady, and we are pleased to have her in our midst.

— Some of the arrivals in the city yesterday were Mr. C. P. Grim, Southport; Mr. F. T. Covington, Marion, S. C.; Mr. F. A. Bissell, Hub; Mr. James C. Marshall, Wadesboro; Mr. J. H. Currie, N. C.; Mr. E. P. Avent, N. C.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— Seats for to-night's presentation of the Scottish Reformation are now on sale at Gerken's.

— A meeting of the Second Regiment Band will be held to-night. All members are urged to be present.

— Persons desiring a teacher will do well to reply to an advertisement in the "Business Locals" of this paper.

— Shad are getting plentiful and the prices are slightly lower. Buck shad sold yesterday for 80c per pair; roe, $1.00 to $1 25.

— The handsome fronts of Messrs. S. A. Schloss and H. L. Fennell's stores, which have been in course of erection for the last three weeks, were finished yesterday.

— Three Syrians were before Justice McGowan yesterday charged with peddling without a license. They were adjudged guilty, but judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost.

— Soap manufacturers make most vigorous efforts to gain the attention of the public. Not long ago, it will be remembered, there were several stereopticon shows on our streets setting forth the merits of Babbitt's soap, and now the same article is advertised by means of an extensive exhibit of colored pictures in a huge case on the side of the "Unlucky Corner."

Mr. W. M. Cumming's Office Visited by Thieves, Who Ransack Everything in Search of Money.

Mr. W. M. Cumming's real estate office, on Princess street near Second, was boldly robbed Sunday night, the thief or thieves walking away with $1.90 in money and four ice tickets. Yesterday morning when Mr. W. A. McGowan, who clerks for Mr. Cumming, opened the office as usual, he found that some one had preceded him. The drawers of the desks in the office were all open and the contents scattered over the floor, and everything "topsy-turvy." Upon investigation Mr. McGowan found that some one had effected an entrance first by breaking a pane of glass out of a window in the rear office, which opens in the back yard, and then breaking the glass front out of the door, which connects the rear office with the main office. A drill was found lying on the floor in the office, and a cold chisel in the alley which connects the back yard with Princess street. After ransacking everything the thief or thieves finally broke open the money drawer and stole $1.90, private money of Mr. Cummings', and four ice tickets.

The robbery evidently occurred Sunday night for Mr. Tom Myers, who also clerks for Cummings, visited the office about 10 o'clock Sunday morning, and everything at that time was all right. No light is left in the office at night.

Death of Mr. B. J. Strickland.

After a brief illness of ten days, Mr. R. J. Strickland, of this city, entered into rest Sunday morning at 11 30 o'clock, at his late residence on Sixth street, between Harnett and Swann. The cause of his death was pneumonia, having developed from an attack of the grip. The deceased for many years, and up to the time of his death, was employed by Messrs. Patterson, Downing & Co., as foreman of their naval stores yard across the river. He was also a member of Stonewall Lodge No. 1, Knights of Pythias.

The funeral services, conducted by Rev. A. D. McClure, was held at St. Andrews' Presbyterian Church Sunday night at 8 30 o'clock.

The remains were sent yesterday morning to Rocky Mount, where the interment took place this afternoon.

Messrs. E. H. Gazer, Joseph Silvey, John E. Silva, F. T. Skipper, G. H. Terry and J. C. Hammonds were the pall-bearers.

Fire Early Sunday Morning.

Fire broke out Sunday morning about 3 o'clock in a one-story frame dwelling on Eight street between Dock and Orange, occupied by Police Officer J. T. Carney and family, and owned by Mr. D. P. Bland. In response to an alarm from box 53, Eight and Market streets, the fire department were soon upon the scene, and after nearly an hour's work succeeded in suppressing the flames, which had also communicated to another one story dwelling near by, occupied by Mr. John Booker, and owned by Mr. Thomas S. Evans, of Colly, N. C. Both houses were insured with Messrs. Willard & Giles. Officer Carney at the time of the fire was on duty and returned home to find his residence wrapped in flames. All his furniture, clothing, etc., upon which he carried no insurance, was destroyed. There is no doubt but the fire was the work of an incendiary.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—106 bales cotton.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—76 bales cotton, 83 bbls rosin, 61 bbls tar.

Carolina Central R. R.—66 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 18 bbls rosin.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—23 bales cotton, 251 bbls rosin, 9 bbls tar.

Steamer E. A. Hawes—25 casks spirits turpentine, 180 bbls rosin, 67 bbls tar.

Steamer Driver—10 bbls rosin, 87 bbls tar.

Total receipts—Cotton, 274 bales; spirits turpentine, 26 casks; rosin, 549 bbls; tar, 174 bbls.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents. tf

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

"Story of the Scottish Reformation" Given by Mrs. H. E. Monroe, Under the Auspices of the Westminster League of the First Presbyterian Church.

The brilliant success achieved by the participants in the "German Reformation," given a year ago by Mrs. H. E. Monroe, still lingered in our memory when we were delighted with the announcement that we were to be treated to another performance, rivalling, if possible, in magnificence of costume and grandeur of conception, the previous entertainment. "The Story of the Scottish Reformation, as so graphically told by Mrs. Monroe and vividly portrayed by realistic views, is one that appeals forcibly to the minds and hearts of many Wilmingtonians, who proudly trace their descent from those "canny Scots," who, amidst appalling persecutions and afflictions, clung so sturdily to their belief in "a free Kirk" and struggled so bravely for that "liberty of conscience" which their descendants now enjoy.

The curtain rose upon an allegorical procession representing the "Rallying of the Clans." It consisted of Puritan maids, Puritans, Scottish Guards, Clans of Scotland, and detachments of the W. L. I., Naval Reserves and Uniformed Rank K. of P. The drill was ably led by Miss Wilson and Mr. Alex. Adrian.

Scene second portrayed a group of Puritans and students on their way to meet the Queen, who enlivened the tedious journey by singing psalms and spiritual hymns.

Scene third represented John Knox at the court of Queen Mary. The magnificence of costume and bewildering array of beauty and gallantry portrayed charmed the eye, and held the brain captive. There are few hearts which have not throbed with pity at the story of the beautiful and unfortunate Mary, Queen of Scots, but this transitory feeling deepened into one of intense sympathy and, in the fourth scene, to a painful emotion at the noble and realistic rendition of the character by Miss Margaret Gibson. Seldom has the histrionic stage seen a grander conception or a more touching portrayal of that fascinating, if erring, Queen.

Miss Gertrude Howell, as *Hannah Kennedy*, touched all heart by her sympathetic rendition of that true and loyal friend, who fondly clung to her royal mistress to the last.

Miss Elsie, as Mary Carmichael, sweetly sang "My Ain Countrie," to cheer the drooping spirits of the Queen, and was followed by Miss Mary Lily Kenan, who as Mary Beton, sang "When the Mists Have Cleared Away" in her usual inspiring manner. John Knox, the stern reformer, who dared astonish and rebuke the Queen herself in the presence of all her Court, became a living, breathing reality in the presence of Mr. Chas. H. Robinson. Time and space forbid us to comment at too great length upon the talent evinced in the pathetic rendition of Part Fourth, where the Queen receives the announcement of her sentence. Every heart was swayed with intense emotion at the sad scene. The programme closed with an allegorical drill, representing the Triumph of the Puritans.

The following are the participants of the entertainment:

Part First—Allegorical procession, "Rallying of the Clans." Leaders of the procession, Miss Wilson and Mr. Alex Adrian; Puritan maids, Augusta Wiggins, Mary Treat Peck, Maggie Brown, Ida Huggins, Sarah Kenan, Margaret Hall, Sallie McRee, Bettie deRosset, Lucy Chadbourn, Lizzie Robinson, Alice Borden, Jeanie Peck, Fannie Green, Belle N. Bagley, Mary Harper, Bessie Wiggins.

Part Second—Scene between Puritans and Students from Glasgow University, on their way to Leith to meet Queen Mary. Puritans—Habakuk Gilaian, Edward Woodey; Sandy Mucklenwrath, Alex. Adrian; David Galothy, Herbert Cooper; Donald Murray, Robert Fowler; Issiah Baily, A. S. Holden; Samuel Kelly, James Smith; The Puritan, Frank Huggins. Students—W. R. Brice, E. M. Beery, C. H. Robinson, Charles Blomme, Warren Johnson, R. H. Grant.

Part third—John Knox in the Court of Mary, Queen of Scots; Queen Mary, Miss Margaret Gibson; Mary Beton, Miss Mary Lily Kenan; Mary Livingston, Mrs. John Frank; Mary Carmichael, Miss Elsie Calder; Mary Seton, Miss Katie Burnett; Margaret Curl, Miss Anna Bowden; John Knox, Chas. H. Robinson; Lord Darnley, Alex Adrian; Lord James Stuart, W. F. Robertson; Lord Letherington, Hugh Miller; Sir Erskin, of Dun, Andrew Howell; English Gentleman, Herbert Cooper; French Minister, Walter Huff; Spanish Minister, W. M. Atkinson; Priests, Alex. Hall, E. Huggins; Pages, Master Earl Crosswell, Miss Ray Sneed.

Scottish Guard—Lewis Hancock, Carl Schulken, Tom Davis, Kenneth Byerly, John James, R. G. Rankin, A. A. Moffitt, Geo. P. James, O. A. Wiggins, Jr., Wm. Crow.

Military Guard—Detail from Zeb Vance Division, U. R. K. of P., under command of Lieut. Jno. R. Turrentine, Jr.; detail from W. L. I., under command of Lieut. C. H. White; a detachment from the Naval Reserves, under command of Lieut. McIlhenny.

Soloists—Miss Elsie Calder, "My Ain Countrie;" Miss Mary Lilly Kenan, "When the Mists Have Cleared Away."

Part Fourth—Queen Mary, Margaret Gibson; Hannah Kennedy, Gertrude Howell; Alice, Lizzie Peck; Gertrude Mrs. M. Arringdale; Rosamond Martha Williams; Bertha, Mary Northrop; Esther, Bessie May Gibson; Vesta, Julia Hill; Melvin, Edward T. Huggins; Burgoyne, Alex Hall; Lord Burleigh, Hugh Miller; Lord Paulette, Herbert Cooper; the Esau, Edward Peckham, Jr.; the Sheriff, Frank Huggins; military guards, three details; music in charge of Prof. J. G Russell; "Abide With Me," sung by male quartette; story ended.

Part Fifth—Allegorical Drill—Triumph of the Puritans. Names of the ladies and gentlemen representing the Clans of Scotland. Mary W. McIntire, Mary Duffy, Claribel VanDyke, Annie Dudley, Katie Bell, Abbie Chadbourn, Lilly S. Hancock, Sallie Forshee, Mrggie Forshee, Susie Burruss, Beulah Armstrong, Sallie Bell Jackson, Annie Adrian, Mary Northrop, Mamie Steljes, Mattie Lu Willson, A. M. Hall, E. T. Huggins, F. P. Turrentine, E. B. Jackson, N. R. French, Charles Blomme, Jas. S. Hooper, Joe Hill, Warren Johnson, Benj. Bell, Jr., Oscar Peck, E. Peschau, Jr.

Committee in charge—Miss Cumming, chairman; Miss Lizzie Peck, assistant chairman; Miss Martha Williams, treasurer; Mrs. C. E. Borden, secretary; Miss Lucy Chadbourn, Miss Maggie Brown, Miss Margaret Gibson, Miss Bessie Gibson, Mrs. W. H. Northrop, Mrs. Chas H. King, Mrs. W. R. Kenan, Mrs. Chas. H. Robinson.

The participants were prepared for public exhibition by Mrs. Mayers and the Reformation March, composed by Prof. J. G. Russell, of our city.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

BILLS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE AND HOUSE.

Bill Empowering the Governor in Extraordinary Cases to Convene Special Courts for the Trial Capital Cases—Bill Was Introduced to Enlarge the Jurisdiction of Magistrates.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 8.—Bills were introduced in the House as follows:

To require the owners of personal property to list the full value.

By Mr. Rawls, to amend chapter 40, to allow Duplin to levy a special tax.

By Mr. Sutton, of Cumberland, to declare bicycles to be baggage (accompanied by a petition signed by hundreds of bicyclists).

To make it a misdemeanor to give or sell intoxicating liquors to any habitual druskard.

To allow Onslow to use her surplus special for general county purposes.

To allow Pender county to use her bridge fund for general purposes.

To allow a county to adopt as its own an agricultural society formed in another county.

The following bills passed:

To allow the by-laws of the Southern Stock Mutual Insurance Company to regulate the number of directors.

To allow Richmond county to levy special tax.

To amend the stock law in Wayne by leaving it to the qualified voters.

Mr. Cox introduced a resolution that all private pension bills be incorporated in the Omnibus bill. Adopted.

Bill empowering the Governor in extraordinary cases to convene special courts for the trial of capital cases and also to convene the Supreme Court in such cases passed and was amended so as to provide that courts shall be convened only at the request of the sheriff and chairman of the County Commissioners.

A resolution was adopted requesting Senators and National Representatives to use all possible efforts to secure the repeal of tax on fruit brandy.

Bill authorizing the Secretary of State to furnish Clay county with Supreme Courts from sixty-third. Referred.

Bill to amend the Code regarding pauper suits, tabled.

Bills passed regarding the giving of guardian's administrator's bonds in security companies; allowing them to include in their charges against estates expenses amounting to not over one-half of one per cent. for the giving of such bonds.

To refund the bonded debt of Cumberland county, it being $88,000. Mr. Sutton found it was the wrong bill and offered a substititute, with amendment, naming R. P. Buxton, Walter L. Holt, A. H. Slocomb and James Hare as sinking fund commissioners.

To reimburse the Commercial and Farmers' Bank $99, paid to Hook Boom Campbell on a warrant which the Treasurer refused to recognize.

To so amend the law that in cases where trustees refuse to act the clerk may appoint one.

A bill was introduced to enlarge the jurisdiction of magistrates. It repeals chapter 159, acts of '91, and provides that punishment for all affrays where no serious damage is done, and where deadly weapons are used but not permanent injury inflicted, shall be fined not exceeding $50 or imprisoned for thirty days. It repeals chapter 26, acts of '91, and chapter 10, acts of '93. It provides that whenever any person shall be convicted of carrying concealed weapons before a justice of the peace it shall be the latter's duty to fine the defendant not less than ten dollars or imprison him not less than thirty days, and shall not have authority to suspend judgment or imprisonment, and on appeal to the Superior Court, if there be any convictions, judgment shall not be any less than that of magistrates. Forcible trespass shall be punished by a fine not exceeding thirty dollars or thirty days' imprisonment. That where larceny and receiving above value of goods does not exceed ten dollars, it shall be a misdemeanor. Costs will be included in all cases.

NIGHT SESSION OF THE HOUSE.

Resolution introduced by Mr. Hancock to abolish the office of enrolling clerk and oust Mr. Swinson was taken up and caused a warm and exciting debate. Duplin wanted to know the charge against Mr. Swinson, Blackburn, he failed to carry out the terms of contract. Mr. Dockery attacked Mr. Swinson, saying the Attorney General had rendered an opinion against him. The Democrats took no part in the debate. A vote was called—yeas 87, nays 31. The resolution passed all readings with a "cincher."

The resolution requesting North Carolina Senators to secure the ratification arbitration treaty was adopted.

Bill requiring that no person, company or corporation being now resident of the State should catch fish by seins, nets, etc., without taking out license of $25 00, passed.

Bill introduced to prevent minors from entering barrooms and billiard rooms.

Bill passed to prevent the use of pots in Albemarle county and streams entering therein.

SENATE—NIGHT SESSION.

Bill to provide the manner in which railways corporated in other States can become incorporated in this State. Recommitted to the Judiciary Committee.

Bill for the general reduction of railroads, steamboats and express company rates doing business in this State, taken up. Substitute offered making fares 3½ and 2 cents per mile. The matter was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

To amend section 787 of Code in relation to claims against municipal corporations, passed all readings.

Bill relating to chattel mortgages, providing for the sale after two days notice, passed all readings.

Bill to prohibit the sale of spirituous liquors within 200 feet of any church in the State. Tabled.

Bill to allow an agent to make the sale of land under mortgage, but not to make a deed, passed all readings.

To amend chapter 277, laws '95, adding another cause for divorce, tabled.

To allow trapping and killing of deer at any time in Columbus county, passed all readings.

To allow fish to be caught in any manner in the waters of Columbus county, passed.

Law prohibiting disabled Confederates who own $100 worth of property from receiving pensions, amended so that they may receive pension.

Graham, Mebane and chief clerk released on one thousand dollars bail for hearing to-morrow.

Attorney Day, representing the Seaboard, announces to-night that his side has asked for the withdral of two sections of the bill to annul the lease. One clause prohibiting the building of any railroad parallel to the North Carolina road, also a clause giving the State the right to sell its stock in the road. The committee has not accepted Mr. Day's suggestion. General Council Henderson, of the Southern, Fab. Busbee, John W. Graham, Capt. Day, C. M. Busbee, Judge Avery, Judge MacRae and R. O. Barton, spoke before the committee this evening, and argument finally concluded: Much feeling was evinced for Capt. Day and side. Mr. Alexander came near having a personal collision. It is now known that the committee will report in favor of the bill to annull.

PROBABLY DROWNED.

Capt. George Lockhart and George Simpson Go Down With the "*Try Me*"—A Glimmer of Hope.

The *Try Me*, a small sharpie owned by Mr. W. E. Davis, and used in bringing oyster shells from points below up to the city, left here yesterday morning one week ago at 11 o'clock with two men on board, Captain George Lockhart and George Simpson, a lad of sixteen or eighteen years. She usually makes the trip from Wilmington to the point where she loads, which is about five miles this side of Southport, and back in two days, and ought therefore to have returned here on Wednesday last. When she failed to put in on Wednesday Mr. Davis was just a little alarmed for the safety of the men, remembering the severe storm of Monday night, and when Thursday and Friday passed and still there was no sign of the boat or its crew it began to be quite clear that both had been lost.

Their fears were confirmed by Mr. Archie Freeman, who runs on the *Rice Bird*, a boat like the *Try Me*, used at present in the transportation of shells. Mr. Freeman came up yesterday on the steamer *Wilmington*. He reports that to the eastward of the Government wharf the mast of a sharpie can be seen above the water. The sharpie is in all probability the *Try Me*, as that it the only vessel in the line of trade with a single mast.

The two men may possibly have escaped, as the boat must have gone down, from Mr. Freeman's report, between the Government wharf and a line of rocks about three hundred yards away, so that the men could have swam to one or the other of those places and been picked up by a passing vessel, or they may have been taken off before the vessel sank. But in either of these two cases their rescue would have been reported, and in the absence of such report, there is little room for any other conclusion than that both are drowned. They were not, however, lost in the storm of Monday night last, for Mr. John Foreman, also in the shell business, reports that he saw and talked with them on Tuesday. Mr. Davis says the *Try Me* was perfectly tight and must have been sunk by water coming in over deck. The men probably overloaded her, causing her to fill when the water grew rough.

Capt. Lockhart lives in this city. He leaves a wife, but no children. Young Simpson's home is in Monroe, to which place Mr. Davis addressed a letter yesterday conveying to the lad's parents the distressing intelligence of their son's drowning.

A Colored Man Seriously Hurt.

Thomas Holden, a colored man in the employ of Messrs. Powers, Gibbs & Co., met with a serious accident yesterday at the factory. Several bags of phosphate, aggregating in weight seven or eight hundred pounds, fell from a considerable height upon his back, causing a severe shock and perhaps internal injuries.

Death of Mr. Wm. J. Sutton, Jr., of Bladen County.

The STAR is pained to announce the death of Mr. Wm. J. Sutton, Jr., only brother of Representative David B. Sutton, of this city, which occurred at his home in Bladen county yesterday at 6 o'clock. The funeral will take place today at the homestead and the remains interred in the family burying ground.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our "Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cents.

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

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A New Feature.

Nature uses man as a medium of creative energies, co-ordinate with the forests, the minerals, etc.

Till a decade ago there was hardly a piano in the whole western world that did not bear the gilt name of some Eastern maker, while to-day the instruments manufactured by W. W. Kimball Company, Chicago, Ills., have not only a strength and prestage on the general market, but command a large sale in those Eastern States that were lately the walled kingdom of the industry. The piano trade is especially sensitive to comparisons, but the quiet consideration of the relative merits of the "Kimball" by those outside the arena of competition, places that instrument far in advance of even other well known makes. With ample capital, the most complete factory in the world, employing only skilled workmen, in fact experts, in their different branches they can with their great output (thirty pianos daily) deliver a piano in Wilmington for about what the material costs others who only manufacture on a small scale with limited capital, etc.

Eminent composers, artists who rank among our authorities, unite in praise for the "Kimball."

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Open your account with me and save money; others are doing so.
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feb 9 tf

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BY VIRTUE OF THE PROVISION OF TWO Deed's of Mortgage made by M. J. Bremer and wife to the Wilmington Homestead and Loan Association, and duly registered in Book No. 14, page 37, and Book No. 16, page 204 of the records of New Hanover county, the undersigned will sell to the highest bidder at public auction, for cash, at the Court House door, on Monday, the 1st day of March, 1897, at 12 o'clock m., the following described property in the city of Wilmington: Beginning in the northern line of Church street 100 feet west of the west line of Third street, runs thence westwardly with said line of Church street 50 feet, thence north parallel with Third street 66 feet, thence east parallel with Church street 50 feet, thence south parallel with Third street to the beginning, being part of lot 6, block 101.
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Attorneys.
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The famous EARLY OHIOS.
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All goods warranted as represented.
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THE EXPERT BARBERS, CAN BE FOUND at No. 11 South Front street, where they will be pleased to serve their friends. First class work guaranteed. Shaving 10 cents. Give us a call.
Respectfully,
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Special attention given to work in the country. Old Stills taken in exchange for new work.
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Full and complete stock of
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LOWEST CASH PRICES.
Don t fail to see us before buying
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A purely old fashion, home-made
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Pure, harmless, effective. Can be given with perfect safety to the youngest and the oldest. Pronounced by the public, the press, and the public to be the greatest Cough Syrup on earth. Made under the personal supervision of
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HAVING QUALIFIED AS EXECUTRIX OF the last will and testament of Stacy VanAmringe, deceased, on the 8th day of January, 1897, I hereby notify all persons indebted to my said testator to make immediate payment to me, and those to whom he was indebted to present their claims to me on or before the 22nd day of January, 1898, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. This the 22nd day of January, 1897.
MARY F. VANAMRINGE,
jan 22 1m Executrix.

Madame Amae,
SPIRITUAL MEDIUM, REVEALS THE past, present and future. If you are in trouble, either business, love or domestic, it will be to your advantage to consult her. Miss Amae can be found at No 319 Chestnut street, between Third and Fourth. jan 31 1w

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—OF—
Stoves, Heaters, Ranges, Lamps, Tinware, Hardware and General Household and Kitchen Furniture,
At 23 South Front Street,
Now going on at and below cost. Must be sold at once, and at any price. Call and supply your homes.
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The Morning Star.

By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, FEB. 9, 1897

THE TARIFF FIRST.

It has been given out as coming from Mr. McKinley that about his first official act after his inauguration will be the convening of Congress in extra session to devise the ways and means to provide the Government with the necessary revenue, the ways and means being the new tariff which the Protectionists have had in view since they pushed Mr. McKinley forward as their representative and made him their nominee for the Presidency. No one is surprised at this, nor is anyone much disappointed, save perhaps the anti-protection gold Democrats who supported McKinley for the Presidency because he was supposed to stand for "sound money." To get a "sound money" man they took their chances on a high tariff and perhaps nursed the delusion that in view of the assistance they rendered in the election of McKinley, the tariff manipulators might so far show their appreciation by giving the tariff a rest or touching it very lightly, if they touched it at all. Perhaps Mr. McKinley did something to encourage this delusion when in his Canton speeches to the "Pilgrims" he referred so frequently to the beautiful "patriotism" of the gold Democrats who were supporting him, but he never went so far as to say or to intimate that he was going to drop the tariff if he was elected. Consequently they can't accuse him of any breach of faith or deception in sticking to the tariff now, for that is what he was elected for and they should have known it, as many of them did while they were professing to believe Mr. McKinley a "sound money" man first and a high tariff man after, and alleging this as their justification for supporting him against the regular nominee of their own party.

It was doubtless understood when Mr. McKinley was put forward for the nomination that in the event of his election and votes enough in Congress to pass a tariff bill he would convene Congress and get about that work with as little delay as possible, and he is doing just what was expected of him.

He is going about it methodically, too, and is going to rush it through as fast as possible. The movement of Senator Wolcott for an international monetary conference was the first step in the programme to win support to the tariff by leading silver men in Congress to believe that they were preparing to do something for silver as soon as they could get things in shape to do it. To further carry out that fake Senator Wolcott went as a committee of one to Europe, indirectly as the presumed representative of Mr. McKinley, to feel the bimetallic pulse of the leading countries whose co operation is desired in the work of restoring silver. Senator Wolcott has conferred with leading financiers of England and France, and while he has found a strong bimetallic sentiment he has not met with the encouragement necessary from the men from whom the encouragement was desired. But this was as anticipated by many when Senator Wolcott started out on his voluntary mission.

England doesn't seem to be very anxious for such a conference as is proposed, and other nations are somewhat tardy about committing themselves until they see what England proposes to do; so the probabilities are that Senator Wolcott will return with quite as small a stock of international conference encouragement as he started out with. Both Mr. McKinley and Senator Wolcott knew when he dicided to go to Europe on his bimetallic mission that England would be the obstacle, and that without England it would be practically impossible to have a conference, and that it wouldn't amount to anything if we did have it But they concluded that it was worth taking chances on and therefore they took the chances. If the trip had pannned out anything for silver it would have been a ten-strike for McKinley and would have given his tariff scheme a big boost. If it be a failure, as most people who have given it any thought believe it will, it may prove somewhat embarrassing to the Protectionists who may thus be forced to make concessions to the silver men which they will not like to make and may prove somewhat of a boomerang if they do make them.

There is one potent factor that Mr. McKinley has not lost sight of and this he will play for all it is worth, that is the patronage at his disposal. He is going to hold this as an incentive to the support of the tariff measure that will be presented, when every member who expects any special favor will be expected to do his "duty" and show that he is worthy of the favors.

MINOR MENTION.

While Governor Russell is the moving spirit in the opposition to the 99-year lease of the North Carolina Railway to the Southern, it will not be a strictly partisan fight. On each side will be found Republicans, Democrats and Populists. The somewhat unique spectacle is presented of the Democratic *News and Observer* supporting the Governor and the Republican *Tribune* opposing him in this matter. But the *News and Observer* hasn't gone over to the Governor; the Governor just happened to get on the same ground where the *News and Observer* stood before the lease was made, so that as a matter of fact the Governor is supporting the *News and Observer* instead of the *News and Observer* supporting the Governor; but they are together, and our impression is that they are both where they ought to be in this matter. It is no easy matter when a deal like that has been consummated to go behind the returns and break it up, even if there was, as alleged in this case, unlawful, if not crooked methods pursued, and we think it exceedingly doubtful if the Governor and those who are supporting him can succeed in having the lease annulled, although it is a pretty well established fact that the property could be leased for more money, and that the present leasers would pay more for it if they had competitors in the bidding. In a growing State like this, commanding the geographical position she does, properties like the N. C. railway must become more valuable, and hence from a pure business standpoint it was bad policy to lease the road for 99 years when it could have been leased for 20 or 30.

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The New York Chamber of Commerce has appointed a committee to work for prompt action in securing currency reform. It will communicate with Mr. McKinley and suggest that in his call for an extra session of Congress he include currency reform as well as the tariff. We do not think this committee has any definite plan to submit, but as it is given out that they favor the Indianapolis declaration the presumption is that the chief feature in the reform which they will advocate will be the retiring of the Treasury notes and getting down to a hard pan gold basis, which would put the currency of the country more in the power of Eastern money combines than it is now. We do not think Mr. McKinley will include currency reform in his programme for an extra session, for he will naturally want to wait to see how that international conference is going to pan out before he ventures on that, and also will naturally desire to avoid a protracted session. The probabilities are that it will be a long one any way, even if only the tariff is to be discussed, for the opponents of high protection are not going to let a bill pass without free and full discussion, and free and full discussion in the Senate means very much discussion. Under the rules they may cut debate short and rush it through the House, but they can't do that in the Senate, where every Senator will insist on having his say and saying it as many times as he wants to. Some of the Senators think that if Congress meets in extra session in March it will be pegging away at the tariff in August. This isn't a very inviting prospect either for Congress or for the country, but extra sessions have always proved very difficult bodies to control or to get rid of on time.

The colored brother will be recognized at the inauguration of McKinley. The selection of the Bible on which Mr. McKinley will take the oath of office has been delegated to a colored bishop of Ohio.

TWINKLINGS.

—Warning Too Late—She—"You looked like a fool when you proposed to me."

He (gloomily)—"Well, why didn't you tell me before it was too late?"—*Detroit Tribune.*

—"I wish to inform you," said her lawyer, "that your wife has filed a bill for divorce."

"O, of course, "responded the busy banker; "it's nothing but bills, bills, bills. How much is this one?"—*Detroit Free Press.*

—(Mike, having been directed to go down to the station and see when the next train left, is gone about two hours)—Well, Mike?"

Mike—"Well, sor, I had to wait a long toime, sor, but it has just left."—*Harper's Bazar.*

—Utilizing His Devotion: Amy—Yes; he is very persistent. He says he would go to the ends of the earth for me.

Alice—Why not send him? It would take him some time to get back.—*Puck.*

—Author—I am troubled with insomnia. I lie awake at night hour after hour thinking about my literary work.

His Friend—How very foolish of you! Why don't you get up and read portions of it.—*Tit Bits.*

— Let Us Hope Not: "Henry!"

"Yes, your excellency."

"Speaking of Mr. Bryan's book, 'The First Battle,'"

"Yes, sire."

"Do you suppose it will be followed by war articles in the magazines?"—*Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.*

— She—"What would this world be without love?"

He (remembering the opera and the supper of the night before)—"It would be a blamed sight cheaper, for one thing."—*Cleveland Leader.*

— "John, what are you going to do?"

"I am going to hitch the horse to the sleigh and drive him over to the park and back. He needs exercise."

"Aren't you going to church?"

"No; it's too cold."—*Chicago Tribune.*

— Mrs. Mann (meeting former servant)—Ah, Mary, I suppose you are getting better wages at your new place?

Mary—No, ma'am. I'm working for nothing now. I'm married.—*Truth.*

(— Good Judge of Character: Passenger (alighting from cab)—What's the charge?

Cabman—One dollar.

Passenger—Well, that's quite reasonable. I knew by your face that you wouldn' try to be extortionate.

Cabman—Thankee. I knew by your face that you'd be too mean to pay more than the regular fare without a lawsuit.—*New York Weekly.*

Don't dally with rheumatism. Purify your blood and cure it at once by taking a course of Hood's Sarsaparilla. †

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

—Fayetteville *Observer:* Mrs. Jas. McAllister died at Wade Friday afternoon in her 75th year. She is the last member of a large family. She leaves one son, Mr. Alex. McAllister, a farmer.

— Goldsboro *Argus*: The death of Mr. Jesse Hardy, the aged father of Mr. Dal Hardy and Mrs. Wm. Hunter, occurred this (Saturday) morning at his home, in Dover, after a lingering illness of several weeks.

— Washington *Progress*: Col. H. E. Stilley dropped dead this (Thursday) morning. He was not known to have been unwell, and his sudden death was a great shock to our people. He was a man of about fifty-five years of age.

— Charlotte *News:* Mrs. Mary Hunter died Saturday morning at the residence of her son, Mr. Elmer Hunter, on South Tryon street. She had been suffering from a severe attack of la grippe, which hastened her death. She was about 68 years of age.

— Greensboro *Record*: Sheriff Hoskins Friday night arrested Wm. W. Roach on a requisition from the Governor of South Carolina made on Governor Russell. Roach is wanted for arson. He was found at Brown Summit, where he has relatives living.

— Durham *Sun:* B. F. Owens died Saturday morning about four o'clock, at the residence of his brother, Mr. J. E. Owens, on Chapel Hill street, of pneumonia. He was about 31 years of age. —— The news reaches here that Calvin Mangum, colored, who was sentenced to be hanged at Oxford, January 29th, for the murder of Nathan Winston, but whose sentence was stayed by the Supreme Court, died yesterday in the county jail of Granville.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Possibly Hill's right in objecting to the prohibition of liquor selling in the Senate restaurant. Many of the speeches in that vicinity are dry enough as it is.—*Phil. Times, Ind.*

—— The fall in prices has affected Harvard University. According to President Elliott's annual report the income from Harvard's investments has declined in twenty years from 7.57 per cent. to 4.73. The average rate on really solid investments has steadily declined with time. Hurrah for the gold standard!—*Augusta Chronicle, Dem.*

—— The enterprising Japanese who used to buy most of their cotton in India, now prefer American cotton, and especially that of Texes, because of its length and strength. Accordingly the Mikado's Envoy Extraordinary to this country is now visiting the Lone Star State for the purpose of investigating the general subject of the handling and transporting of the crop. The vist speaks volumes for the commercial alertness of the Japanese in detecting points of superiority in the American staples which might win still other markets for it were they as widely promulgated as they should be through all possible official and commercial channels.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

CRIPPLED SPORTSMEN.

Men Who Enjoy Fishing and Hunting Though Not Whole Physically.

A man may sometimes be seen walking down Broadway who attracts attention because one of his arms is missing, one eye is glass and one leg is three inches or more shorter than its mate. He is a good business man, but it is as a sportsman that he is known to a very few. In spite of his physical deformities he hunts and fishes, he shoots deer and partridges and other game, he casts flies for trout, angles for bass and trolls for muskellunge successfully. At the campfire he tells tales suggested by the flickerings and tells them in a way to make his comrades forget what he is physically. His keen appreciation of the beauties of nature has long won for him a warm place in the hearts of brother sportsmen, and no man is more completely in sympathy with the guides than this one.

Sometimes one hears a man lamenting that he can no longer indulge in a favorite sport because of the loss of an arm or leg, but such plaints were heard oftener in the old days than in these. Dr. Morris Gibbs tells The American Angler about some other crippled sportsmen.

"There used to be a queer pair of hunters," says the doctor, "who were jolly, whole souled fellows, not well stocked with this world's goods. One was one armed, the other one legged, and they hunted together a great deal. Squirrels were common in those days, and Mr. One Leg would wait on one side of a tree while Mr. One Arm would walk to the other side. That would scare the squirrel, and one or the other would get a shot, which usually meant death to the squirrel. They hunted turkeys, too, Mr. One Leg calling from a bush on a turkey call bone while the other wandered about looking for signs. It is a common saying among sportsmen that 'Half a sportsman is worth two whole ones,' because crippled men are more thorough and therefore more successful than their more fortunate brothers."

There are plenty of blind fishermen and deaf and dumb hunters. Rowland E. Robinson has been writing for years in Forest and Stream on field sports in spite of the fact that he is blind. In his younger days he was a hunter and a right good wing shot.—New York Sun.

THE LOVER'S PREPARATIONS.

When He Expected to Meet His Proposed Father-in-law.

It was 8 o'clock in the magnificent capital of the greatest republic on earth, and the gloaming, oh, my darling, had gone glimmering among the things that were two hours previously.

A gaslight burned golden yellow on the corner of one of the beautiful streets leading into Dupont circle, and an electric light burned silvery white two blocks down the street, when an ambulance from the Emergency hospital stopped in front of a palatial residence in that aristocratic neighborhood and backed up to the curb.

One minute or perhaps less after the ambulance had stopped a handsomely dressed young man jumped out over the tailboard and started toward the steps of the house.

As he did so a policeman, strolling leisurely around the corner beyond, observed the ambulance and instantly sprinted for it.

"Say," exclaimed the officer in the usual chaste and elegant, not to say Chesterfieldian, manner of an excited guardian of the peace, "what's the row?"

"There isn't any — yet," replied the young fellow, with a world of suggested possibility in the way he closed his answer with the word "yet."

"What's the ambulance for?" insisted the policeman.

"For future reference," said the young man evasively.

"That's not what they are usually for," argued the officer, trying to get at the true inwardness of the situation.

"No," and the young man drew closer and spoke very confidentially. "No, but it's different in this case. You see, I'm going to ask a young lady's father for her hand, and as the old man isn't stuck on me I thought it might come handy for me to be prepared for emergencies."

The policeman gave vent to his admiration in a low whistle and waited until a servant came out and told the ambulance driver to go back to the stable.—Washington Star.

THE MAKING OF PENS.

More Steel Used For Them Than For Guns, Swords and Needles.

"Do you know anything about pens?" asked a Nassau street stationer the other morning. "I thought you didn't. Now, let me tell you something about the metallic pen that you never dreamed of. It requires the finest kind of steel to make a really first class pen. I have been overhauling records and find that a greater quantity of steel is used annually in the penmaking business than in all the gun, sword and needle manufactories of the world. The recent popularity of the typewriter has, of course, diminished the use of pens, but the output is enormous nevertheless.

"In Birmingham, England, there are a number of pen manufactories that turn out a total of 150,000,000 pens every working week. The majority of the workers are women, and the wages, while low, help to make Birmingham a notable seat of industry. To make 1,000,000 pens a full ton of steel is required. There is really so much work about the manufacture of a pen that it is surprising that they sell as cheap as they do, but, as I have said, the production is so great that it is a profitable business. Pens have been in use a whole century now, but 40 years ago, when they took the place of quills as the popular ink spreader, it was one of the secrets of the age how that slit was made in the pen. Those employed in that particular branch of the work were obliged to record an oath that they would not reveal the secret of that slit cutting process.

"The secret became an open one, though, in the natural course of events, and soon almost every interested person knew that the slit was made with a pair of scissors fixed in a press. Men perform the initial work on a pen. That is to say, they roll out the steel to the proper thickness. The women then take hold, cutting the steel into strips as wide as two pens are long. Presses do the cutting for the women. The steel when it leaves the presses is shaped like a pen, but is flat. The forms made by these presses are then put into a red hot furnace, and when thoroughly heated are taken out and permitted to cool slowly. This process makes them soft. Then the woman use fast presses that hammer the points as well as stamp the name of the manufacturer.

"This done, the pens are heated again, and, while still hot, are cast into oil. They are much harder, but dirty and greasy when taken out. To clean and whiten they they are then boiled in water to which soda has been added. The next step is to place them in a cylinder which revolves over gas jets. This turns them blue. A number of other minor details, and the pen is packed and ready for the market. Whether it be the rich or the poor man's pen, the mode of manufacture is alike."—New York Mail and Express.

CAPTURED A SHARK.

And Found In Its Capacious Maw a Paper Addressed to Himself.

"One afternoon, when we were in the Indian ocean," said the captain, "I noticed a shark swimming round the ship, and I didn't like it a bit. You know the superstition to the effect that a following shark presages the death of one of the ship's company. He sailed round us all the next day and the next after that, and I determined to catch him and quell my uneasiness. We baited a hook and after a short time captured and killed him. Then we cut him up. Do you know what we found in that shark's inside? No? Well, a newspaper unopened, and it will surprise you, as it did me, when I tell you that it was addressed to me."

A shout of great laughter went up from the captain's audience, who winked at each other unblushingly. He, however, took all the bantering in good part, and when the jeers were ended he said:

"Now, gentlemen, I'll tell you how it happened. I found that my children had been skylarking the day before in the cabin. They found among the mass of reading that had been brought aboard some unopened newspapers addressed to me. They had been throwing these newspapers at each other, and one of them went out of the porthole. The shark saw it, of course, and gobbled it down, and that was how it happened. Now, gentlemen, judge for yourselves the truth of my story."—London Answers.

Powdered Fluor Spar Helps X Rays.

Professor Winkelmann and Dr. Straubel of the University of Jena have succeeded in discovering a new method of photographing with Roentgen rays by which the length of exposure is reduced from 10 to 15 minutes to only a few seconds. The method is based on a conversion of the X rays into rays of other undulations by means of fluor spar crystal. If the Roentgen rays are allowed to fall upon a photographic plate, the sensitized film of which is turned away from them and covered with fluor spar, the rays, after passing the film, will be absorbed by the fluor spar and there undergo the modification spoken of. The new rays now act upon the photographic plate, and indeed much more strongly than did the Roentgen rays on passing through. As large fluor spar plates are to be had with difficulty powder of the same crystal was tried in their place, and as this succeded nothing stands in the way of the further application of the method. The new rays emitted by the fluor spar were minutely examined by the discoverers. They succeeded in determining the frangibility, and from this the length of the undulations. The rays lie far beyond the ultra violet end of the visible spectrum.—London News.

Massachusetts Deweys.

"It would seem," says the Boston Traveller, "as if the bench of Massachusetts had fairly reveled in Deweys, for no less than four of the same name have sat at one time or another either on the supreme or superior court bench since 1814. The first one was Daniel Dewey, who held office for a year on the supreme court bench. Then came Charles Augustus Dewey, appointed in 1837, dying in office in 1846. Francis Henshaw Dewey was appointed to the superior court in 1869 and resigned in 1881, and Justin Dewey, now on the same bench, was appointed in 1886. There are, therefore, today two Judge Deweys in this commonwealth."

Ministers Should Use Dr. Miles' Heart Cure.

THERE IS NO PROFESSION, whose labors so severely tax the nervous system, as that of the ministry. The derangement of the nerve centers of the brain by over work, frequently brings on attacks of heart trouble, and nervous prostration.

Rev. J. F. Koster, M. D., Pastor U. B. church, London Mills, Ills., himself a physician, writes Feb. 26, 1895: "Heart affection and nervous prostration had become so serious last fall that a little over work in the pulpit would so completely prostrate me that it seemed certain I must relinquish the work of the ministry entirely. Heart palpitation became so bad that my auditors would ask me if I did not have heart disease. Last November I commenced taking Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure alternately with Dr. Miles' Nervine and derived the greatest possible benefit. I have just closed revival work of 20 weeks, preaching nearly every night and twice on the Sabbath. I can speak for hours without suffering as I formerly did. Hard working ministers should keep Dr. Miles' grand remedies on hand."

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SERVICE.

Fret not that the day is gone
And thy task is still undone.
'Twas not thine, it seems, at all.
Near to thee it chanced to fall,
Close enough to stir thy brain
And to vex thy heart in vain.
Somewhere in a nook forlorn
Yesterday a babe was born.
He shall do thy waiting task,
All thy questions he shall ask,
And the answers will be given
Whispered lightly out of heaven.
His shall be no stumbling feet,
Falling where they should be fleet;
He shall hold no broken clew.
Friends shall unto him be true.
Men shall love him, falsehood's aim
Shall not shatter his good name;
Day shall nerve his arm with light,
Slumber soothe him all the night;
Summer's peace and winter's storm
Help him all his will perform.
'Tis enough of joy for thee
His high service to forsee.
—Woman's Journal.

THE TELESCOPE.

Imperfections That Are Found In the Instruments Now In Use.

The best possible two lens objective, made from such materials as are at present obtainable in disks of any considerable size, sins grievously in not bringing the light rays of different color to any single focus—its "achromatism" is far from absolute. In the case of this 40 inch lens the greenish yellow rays come together at a point nearly six inches nearer to the lens than do the violet, so that the image of a bright star is surrounded by a strong purple halo, which is usually pronounced "perfectly lovely" by a female tyro, but is an abomination to the astronomer. It is particularly annoying in spectroscopic or photographic work, and where such work is specially in hand the face that the reflector is entirely free from it, treating rays of every color impartially in the matter of focus, goes far to condone its peculiar weaknesses.

This imperfection of the ordinary object glass is in no respect the fault of the optician, but lies in the material itself. Experiments, subsidized by the German government, have been going on at Jena during the last dozen years for the purpose of remedying the evil, with special reference, however, to the improvement of the microscope. In that complete success has been reached, and there is much reason to hope that before very long it may become possible to obtain varieties of glass which in combination will give satisfactory achromatism and in disks of sufficient size to permit the construction of large telescopic object glasses as perfect in their way as the new "apochromatic" microscopic objectives are in theirs. It will be a step almost as important as was Dollond's invention of the present achromatic lens. Thus far, however, no great success has been attained with telescopes of any considerable magnitude, though an English firm is now offering to make three lens objectives up to 20 inches in diameter, which are advertised as practically perfect in their achromatism. A six inch lens of this construction has been very favorably reported on by Dr. Roberts, and it is perhaps not impossible that a new era of telescope making may open with the new century.—North American Review.

Close Shooting.

An Englishman who lived many years in Africa says that it is now several years since he ventured to take one of the most daring shots that ever was hazarded. His wife was sitting in the house near the open door, the children were playing about her, and he was without, not far away, busy with a wagon.

Suddenly, he says, though it was midday, an enormous lion appeared at a short distance, slowly advanced and laid himself quietly down in the shade upon the very threshold of the door.

My wife, frozen with fear, remained motionless in her place. The children took refuge in her lap, and the cry they uttered attracting my attention I hastened toward the door. My astonishment and horror may be imagined when I found the entrance barred in such a manner.

The lion had not seen me, and I glided gently, scarcely knowing what I meant to do, to the side of the house and to the window of my chamber, in which I knew my loaded gun was standing.

By a happy chance I had set it in a corner close by the window, so that I could reach it from the outside, and, still more fortunately, the door of the room was open, so that I could see the whole danger of the scene.

There was no time to think, for the lion was beginning to move, perhaps with the intention of making a spring. I called softly to the mother not to be afraid, and then fired. The ball passed directly over my boy's head and lodged in the forehead of the lion immediately above his eyes and stretched him on the ground.

There was an instant of fearful suspense. Then I fired again, but the second bullet was thrown away, for his majesty never stirred after the first shot, and I leaped over his prostrate body to clasp my wife and children in my arms.—Youth's Companion.

Biggest Poker Game on the Pacific.

"The biggest game of poker I have heard of in the past few years," said one of the Californians at the capitol, "was played in San Francisco a few years ago between Lucky Baldwin and a California cattleman. The game was limited, but one by one the players dropped out until nobody was left in but Baldwin and the cattleman. They agreed to waive the limit, and the cattleman set the pace. He wanted to bet $10,000, Baldwin staid and offered to go him $10,000 better. The cattle owner scratched his head and said he didn't have that much to lose, but he would like to put up his cattle as collateral. Baldwin was agreeable, and the cattle were assessed at $10 a head. Then the cattleman raised Baldwin $10,000. That made Baldwin scratch his head and hem and haw a little. He said he was in the same predicament as his friend. He didn't have quite that much to lose.

"'But,' said Baldwin, 'you know my house on Market street,' giving the number of the property. 'Well, I'll pit that against 750 of your cattle, making a total of $75,000.'

"The cattleman agreed, and then it came to a show down. The ruralist laid down four queens. Baldwin laid down four aces. It was the stiffest game of poker played on the Pacific coast for many long years."—Washington Post.

The Boers and the Gift of Tongues.

The Boers have their own ideas as to the origin of the English language. They say that when Dame Nature was employed in giving tongues to the various nations she stood at a large table on which lay a piece of meat. She had a knife in her hand, and a pair of scissors lay on the table. With the one she cut the tongue out of the meat, and with the scissors she gave to each tongue its peculiarities. To her came all the nations. "De Fransman," "de Duitcher" and even "de Boesman" were provided for, but "de Engelsman" was not there. He had turned into a canteen on the roadside, it seems, for a drink, and when he arrived the meat was done. "Never mind," said Dame Nature, "there are plenty of snips on the floor. Take half a dozen of these, join them together and make a tongue for yourself."—Westminster Gazette.

The Cold Commercial View.

The old hen flew from her nest and cackled loud and long.

"When eggs are 9 cents a dozen," said the old rooster, eying the performance with languid disapproval, "it is a ridiculous exhibition of vanity to make all that fuss over one egg."—Chicago Tribune.

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Distressing.

Genial old Izaak Walton himself had not a keener fisherman's instinct than was possessed by old Zimri Skillings, who flourished in a western state a good many years ago.

One day Zimri took his rod and line and "wums," as he called them, and started off for a four days' fishing trip.

He had been gone but one day when his poor old wife died unexpectedly, and a neighbor hastened off in pursuit of Zimri.

He was found silently but profoundly happy, with his line cast in the Cinnamon river. He turned pale and was at first speechless when told of his loss.

"It's too bad, Zimri," said the sympathetic neighbor, whereupon Zimri found voice enough to say:

"Wall, I sh'd say so, with the pick'rel bitin as I ain's seen 'em bite fer a year!" and he gulped down another sob.—Detroit Free Press.

Good Substitute.

Miss Sarah Thorne tells a good story of how, when she was playing in "The Colleen Bawn" at a country theater, the gun loaded with powder to shoot Danny Mann was missing from the wing just before it was required and could not be found. At the last instant one of the actors, eating from a paper bag, emptied out the biscuits, blew out the bag, and, bursting it with a sudden blow, Danny rolled over into the water, "killed" by the report of a paper bag as effectually as he would have been by powder from a real gun.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Rev. R. C. Beaman, recently appointed by the North Carolina Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, Presiding Elder of the Wilmington District, has made his appointments for the first round, as follows:

Clinton circuit, at Keeners, February 13, 14.

Jacksonville and Richlands, at Jacksonville, February 20, 21.

Elizabeth circuit, at Elizabethtown, February 27, 28.

Kenansville circuit, at Kenansville, March 6, 7.

Oaslow circuit, at Queen's Creek, March 13, 14.

Brunswick circuit, at Concord, March 20, 21.

Columbus circuit, Evergreen, March 27, 28.

Whiteville and Fair Bluff, Whiteville (night), March 28.

Waccamaw circuit, Shiloh, March 30.

Magnolia circuit, Magnolia, April 3, 4.

Bladen circuit, at Bethlehem, April 10, 11.

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Hams ₩ lb	13	@	14
Sides ₩ lb	6	@	7
Shoulders ₩ lb	6	@	6¾
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ₩ lb	4½	@	5
Shoulders ₩ lb		@	4¾
BARRELS—Spirit Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each	1 35	@	1 40
New City, each	1 30	@	1 40
BEESWAX ₩ lb	23	@	24
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ₩ M	8 50	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ₩ lb	15	@	
N rthern	19	@	22
CORN MEAL—			
Per Bushel, in sacks	36	@	40
Virginia Meal	36	@	40
COTTON TIES—₩ bundle		@	95
CANDLES—₩ lb—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	9	@	10
CHEESE—₩ lb			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream	11	@	12
State		@	10
COFFEE—₩ lb—			
Laguyra	20	@	
Rio	11	@	16
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ₩ yard		@	5¾
Yarns, ₩ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—₩ dozen	11	@	12½
FISH—			
Mackerel, No 1, ₩ barrel	20 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No 1, ₩ half-barrel	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No 2, ₩ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No 2, ₩ half-barrel	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ₩ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ₩ barrel	3 00	@	3 07
Mullets, ₩ pork barrel	5 75	@	6 50
N C. Roe Herring, ₩ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ₩ lb	5	@	10
" Extra	3 50	@	3 50
FLOUR—₩ barrel—			
Low grade		@	3 75
Choice		@	4 25
Straight	4 75	@	5 00
First Patent	5 50	@	5 75
GLUE—₩ lb—	7½	@	8¼
GRAIN—₩ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bags—White,	40	@	43½
Car load, in bags—White,	37½	@	38
Oats, from a ore	30	@	32½
Oats, Rust Proof	40	@	42
Cow Peas	45	@	50
HIDES, ₩ lb—			
Green		@	10
Dry		@	8
HAY, ₩ 100 lbs—			
Eastern		@	1 00
Western		@	90
North River		@	85
HOOP IRON, ₩ lb	3	@	3½
LARD, ₩ lb—			
Northern	5½	@	6
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME ₩ barrel		@	1 15
LUMBER (city sawed), ₩ M feet—			
Ship Stuff resawed	18 00	@	2000
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	20 00
Scantling and Board, common	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ₩ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hhds		@	26
" in bbls		@	30
Porto Rico, in hhds	27	@	30
" in bbls		@	30
Sugar-House, in hhds	13	@	14
" in bbls	14	@	15
Syrup, in bbls	13	@	
NAILS, ₩ keg, Cut 60d basis		@	1 75
PORK, ₩ barrel—			
City Mess	9 00	@	9 25
Rump		@	8 75
Prime		@	8 75
ROPE, ₩ lb	10	@	11
SALT, ₩ sack Alum		@	75
Liverpool		@	80
Lisbon		@	
American		@	80
On 100 lb Sacks	40	@	90
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ₩ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 50	@	2 50
Cypress Sap	3 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ₩ lb—Standard Grans		@	4¾
Standard A		@	4¾
White Ex. C		@	4¾
Extra C, Golden	4	@	4¼
C Yellow		@	3¾
SOAP, ₩ lb—Northern	3½	@	6
STAVES, ₩ M—W. O. barrel	5 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ₩ M feet—Shipping		@	7 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	4 50	@	4 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	3 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
TALLOW, ₩ lb	4	@	4½
WHISKEY, ₩ gallon—Northern	1 00	@	1 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	1 00

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE February 8.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 26½ cents per gallon for machine-made casks, and 26 cents bid for country casks.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1 45 per bbl for Strained, and $1 50 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market steady at 95 cents per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Nominal. No receipts. Hard 1.30. Soft 1.80 per barrel.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm, 26¾@26¼c; rosin steady, $1 25, $1 30; tar steady, 90c; crude turpentine firm, $1 50, 1 90.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	57
Rosin	543
Tar	174
Crude Turpentine	00

Receipts same day last year—12 casks spirits turpentine, 1,307 bbls rosin, 27 bbls tar, 3 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 6¾c for middling.

Ordinary	4¾	cts ₩ lb
Good Ordinary	5¾	" "
Low Middling	6¾	" "
Middling	6¾	" "
Good Middling	7 1-16	" "

Same day last year, middling 7¾c.

Receipts—274 bales; same day last year 345.

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PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 50@55c per bushel of 28 pounds. Extra Prime, 60c. Fancy, 60@65c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 50@55c; Fancy, 60c.

CORN.—Firm; 40 to 42 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—65@70 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 9c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.35; six inch, $2.25 to 3.35; seven inch, $3.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $5.00 to 8.50 per M.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, February 8—Evening.—Money on call has been easy at 1½@3 per cent; last loan at 1¾ per cent closing offered at 1¾ per cent. Prime mercantile paper was 5 per cent. Sterling exchange dull, with the actual business in bankers bills at 484¾@484¾ for sixty days; 486¼@486¾ for demand. Commercial bills 483¾@484¼. Government bonds were steady; United States coupon fours 113¾; United States twos 95¼. State bonds dull; North Carolina fours 101; North Carolina sixes 122. Railroad bonds firm.

Silver at the Stock Exchange to day was quiet.

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A CAPE COAST WEDDING.

The Native Blacks Have Learned to Put on Great Style.

All the grades of society of the black population of Cape Coast Castle were displayed before my gaze in one small church. The occasion was the marriage of one of the rich residents of the place to a well educated professional man, both bride and bridegroom being of the native race. Those whose ideas of Africans are derived from Moore and Burgess' minstrels or from "Uncle Tom's Cabin" would have had their eyes opened in the little English church.

The church was full when I entered, and it is true that I took my seat between a couple of black ladies dressed in scanty garments, but up toward the altar it was a fine vision of colored magnificence that met my astonished gaze. The service was being read by a venerable native clergyman. The bride was standing, with downcast eyes and modest looks, enveloped in a long, flowing white veil, while the figure was half displayed and half hidden in a rich satin gown of the tenderest crimson. The bridegroom was dressed in the style that befits Piccadilly, and grouped around the happy pair stood the youth, the beauty, the fashion of Cape Coast Castle. What a bevy there was of black but comely maidens, radiant in gorgeous apparel, redolent of patchouli!

The ceremony was attended by natives, who are sympathetic but not aristocratic. Many of these had come in their national costume, and the mode here is, as you may suppose, more daring even than in Paris itself, and the dusky belles are content with a minimum of adornment above the zones of their Venus-like waists. And as they sat in the high backed seats of the church the first impression, as the eye scanned row after row, immobile and statuesque, was that of a gallery of perfectly sculptured ebony goddesses. Nearer at hand the impression was dispelled by the sight of the dames, clad in the same costume, but less strict in their etiquette, nursing their infants of various ages, while they smiled gravely at the various turns of the ceremony. Behind these again were the younger members, to whom dress was almost entirely a superfluity, and so the costumes ranged from Paris and Piccadilly to Timbuktu. Up in the higher seats and near the members of the choir, what was my astonishment to behold one of my carriers with my own name in large scarlet letters displayed on the white blouse I had given him as a sort of uniform!

After the ceremony the bride and bridegroom, escorted with much politeness, made their way, bowing and smiling demurely, to the gate, where they were awaited by a sort of phaeton or gig drawn by four active runners. They proceeded to the residence of the parents of the bride. We beheld a gorgeously dressed and brilliant company, a huge wedding cake and much champagne, and we drank the health of the bride and congratulated all and sundry and moved in an atmosphere of good nature and sable visages set off by the gay bunting of wedding attire.—London Sketch.

Was Not Like the Rest.

It is told of Miss Winnie Davis, "the Daughter of the Confederacy," that one day, when a very young child, she was taken by her mother to the British museum. The little girl took a keen interest in all she saw there and appreciated it with an intelligence beyond her years. All at once Mrs. Davis, whose attention had been absorbed by some work of art, missed her little daughter and after a hurried search found her before a statue of Calphurnia, whose curled hair and turned up nose gave her a distinctly modern look. The child was addressing the marble eagerly.

"Come to my arms," her mother heard her say, "for you are one of our people. You look just like us and not like all the rest."—Philadelphia Press.

The Benefit.

A well known medical man was attending an old Irishwoman who lived in one of the poorer quarters of Edinburgh. She had been ill, but was convalescent, when one day she said to the doctor:

"Will ye tell me, doctor, dear, for certain, whether I'll get well again or no?"

"Oh, yes. I think you'll be all right soon now," was the answer.

"I wanted to know for sure, ye see, doctor, because I'm a lone woman an I subscribe to a buryin society, an I just wished to know if I was likely to be gettin any benefit out of it or no."—Strand Magazine.

Slavery In Egypt.

The Egyptian peasants have been slaves for ages. They sold themselves to the king of Egypt in the time of Joseph and have never been free since.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

SECRETS IN HANDS.

BUT THERE IS A YOUNG WOMAN IN NEW YORK WHO READS THEM.

Miss Graef's Method of Studying Character—She Works With Models of Hands, Which She Says Are the Executors of Their Possessors' Wills.

"Nowadays, if a man or a woman has a theory to air, the novel at once suggests itself as the exponent of the ideas or feeling." That's the broad, flat footed statement that Amelia E. Barr, the novelist, made in a speech before the members of Sorosis recently. Now, there's a young woman in this town who stands ready to challenge this opinion of Miss Barr's. Her name is Adele Marie Graef, and she has a brand new theory, or, at least, it is new in America, and she doesn't propose to prove it by leading a few persons or the public, as fate or good luck will in such cases, through a three volume romance.

Miss Graef's theory is that the hand is the index, in very great degree, of the will and other mental faculties, and, this being granted, she has undertaken to read from the hand, or models of the hands, the mental temperament and character. She has convinced some people, and they are having their own hands modeled and read, and those of their babies, if they happen to have any, as well. Ever so long ago a beautiful custom existed in the old country. When a baby was born, especially if it was a first child, a model was made of its hand and hung alongside of those of its parents and grandparents. This was a mere matter of sentiment, and it is only of late years that the scientific value of such casts has become known. When infants grew up and became engaged, the bride and bridegroom to be exchanged the models of their baby hands.

A cynic who had heard just enough of the new theory to make him a little more cynical than usual strolled into Miss Graef's pretty studio the other day to find out more about her belief. The first mental impression that he got was a setback, for the young woman sat before a table studying three plaster models of hands, and every one of them was the hand of a man.

"So you want to see some of my models and know more of my theory?" said the artist graciously, carefully noting the curve of the cynic's mouth.

"Yes, I do," he answered. "Now, of course, I know it's very much like palmistry"—

"Not at all," interrupted the artist. "I have undertaken to prove the connection between art and anatomy, and I presume that you, like many others, get the idea that my theory is similar to that of palmistry from the word 'casts,' as if I were taking casts of horoscopes or dealing otherwise with the transcendental arts. On the contrary, mine is a purely scientific investigation. For years I have traveled all over this country, visiting hundreds of asylums, prisons, sanitariums, poorhouses, hospitals and other public institutions of all classes, always with this theory in mind. I spent my summers at fashionable resorts, for there one sees human nature in all its phases, and I've done nothing but study, study, study people of all classes and nationalities. All winter I've been modeling the hands of prominent men and women here, and I've made models of the hands of many citizens in public and private life.

"I proceed on the theory that the hand is connected with the motor center, is the executor of the will, and that the expression of the nerve thoughts should naturally be sought in the hand rather than in the eye, mouth or other features usually relied upon for character reading.

"My theory has proved itself. At first when people began to have their hands modeled they didn't pay much attention to the character reading. Now, that's the reason they have them modeled. I always manage to take the favorite position of the hand when in repose, for this tells much of the temperament and natural characteristics of the subject. I can tell whether a person is inclined to lung or acute diseases or to insanity, and I can also tell whether he would steal or commit murder."

The cynic smiled, but ran his hands down in his trousers' pockets a little uneasily.

Miss Graef passed on to a model of Sarah Bernhardt's hand, which she made just before the actress left the city.

"This is one of the queerest hands I've ever modeled," she began. "It denotes two distinct natures. It expresses extreme affection, devotion and passion on the one side, and on the other revenge, and the length and character of Mme. Bernhardt's forearm show that she has the strength to control, command and conquer any of these peculiarities at will. She has an exceedingly thick palm, which indicates her ardent temperament and tells us that she is able to throw out much and hold much.

"Her pointed fingers are not in harmony with her thick palms, and they tell the tale of a revengeful nature. I don't believe she indulges in revenge, but it is in her to do so. The fingers are very short compared with the length of the palm, and she usually keeps her hand clinched, slightly projecting the index finger, and thereby unconsciously holding the vibrations of her force power in reserve for her work. Sarah goes to the utmost degree of excitability in everything. Her nerves are strung up to their tensest pitch until after her work is done, and then there is a complete relaxation until her nerve force is again necessary. She picks up her force powers or puts them down in an instant, and that is the secret of her power and immortal youth.

"Let me see your hand," said Miss Graef suddenly to the cynic.

He threw his left one up as if a train robber from the wild and woolly west had accosted him, and then said, from sheer force of habit:

"A royal straight flush."

"I know all about it without your telling me anything," she said with a laugh. "Oh, what a flexible hand you have!" she cried out in amazement. "Why, you could adapt yourself to any people or any circumstances."

'Guess that's pretty much my business latterly," he answered.

"But for all that you are a coward," she went on. "You are not suited with the way things are going. You make up your mind to say certain things to certain people, but when the time comes you don't do it. You put off unpleasant things instead of getting over with them."

"Gee whillikens! but you are worse than a Roentgen ray."—New York Sun.

A Story of the Late Nitrate King.

There was a story current in Paris a few years ago which served to show the lordly nature of the entertainments of Colonel North, the late "Nitrate King." The colonel was giving a dance, to which all the notables of the town were invited. Thinking to render the affair more imposing, he took upon himself to decorate the Arc de Triomphe, which stood near his hotel, with a gorgeous display of flowers, bunting and colored lamps. The Parisians were amazed at the audacity of the "bourgeois" who presumed to use the monument to the hero of Austerlitz to advertise his ball. The muncipal council remonstrated with the colonel, but the latter, no whit abashed, wrote out a check for some millions and tendering it to the officer declared that he would buy the arch out and give it back to the people the next day as a free gift. The bluff, however, was a failure, and the millionaire had to content himself with decorating his hotel.—Exchange.

A Career Started.

"I have been thinking for a long time," she said with a serious expression which contrasted strongly with her usual airiness, "that I ought to have some serious purpose in life. So I have decided to go into literature."

"You intend to pursue it seriously, do you?"

"Yes, indeed. I've bought a lovely Louis XVI desk and I've got some of the most exquisite stationery you ever saw. Mother gave me a gold pen and a mother of pearl penholder and I have just the prettiest silver inkstand—all covered with filigree work, you know."

"You are certainly well equipped."

"Yes," she replied serenely. "I've got a splendid start. All I have to do now is to sit down some time and think up a piece to write."—Washington Star.

Not Disputatious.

"Julia looks like an amiable girl."

"She is. Whenever we dispute about street car fare she gives up and lets me pay."—Chicago Record.

HYPNOTIC CRIME.

Evidence That It Is Not So Possible as Might Be Imagined.

The possibilities of posthypnotic suggestion would seem at first glance to open a wide field for criminal suggestion, but the evidence does not, I think, justify much apprehension on that score.

When the patient's consciousness is much disordinated by the suggestion, he is usually unable to co-ordinate himself to his environment and is of course not fitted to do anything requiring alert mental powers, much less a crime. When the suggested idea expels inconsistent states, the case is almost as bad. Professor Liegeois dissolved a white powder in water and told Mme. C., one of his patients, that it was arsenic. "I said to her: 'See M. D. He is thirsty. He is always wanting something to drink. You will offer him this.' 'Yes, monsieur.' But D. asked a question which I had not foreseen. He asked what was in the glass proffered him. With a candor which set aside all thought of simulation Mme. C. replied, 'It is arsenic.'" Clearly it would not do to intrust to Mme. C. the execution of a suggested crime.

Again, when the emergence of the posthypnotic suggestion does not affect the upper consciousness at all, but coalesces with it, it is apt, as I have already pointed out, to meet with resistance from the patient's habitual principles of conduct. Dr. De Jong reports that a little Jewish girl of 10, whom he found very suggestible, repeatedly obeyed his posthypnotic suggestion that she should steal a piece of money left lying upon the table, but one Saturday she disobeyed. When asked why, she said: "It is the Sabbath day. I cannot touch money." Another of his patients performed all manner of make believe crimes at his suggestion, but when he suggested something, the performance of which would have shocked her modesty, she refused, and she refused also to betray a trivial secret which he had got his cook to confide to her.—Professor W. R. Newbold in Popular Science Monthly.

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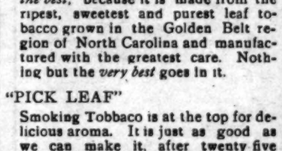

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Attorney for Mortgage.
jan 19 5t

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

SCHEDULE IN EFFECT FEB. 8, 1897.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTHBOUND.

DAILY 9.35 A M — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 10.59 a m, Warsaw 11.11 a m, Goldsboro 12.01 a m, Wilson 12.46 p m, Rocky Mount 1.30 p m, Tarboro 2.00 p m, Weldon 3.30 p m, Petersburg 5.14 p m, Richmond 6.50 p m, Norfolk 6.05 p m, Washington 11.10 p m, Baltimore 12.53 a m, Philadelphia 3.45 a m, New York 6.55 a m, †Boston 8.00 p m.

DAILY 7.15 P M — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 p m, Warsaw 9.10 p m, Goldsboro 10.10 p m, Wilson 11.06 p m, †Tarboro 6.45 a m, Rocky Mount 11.55 p m, Weldon 1.44 a m, †Norfolk 10.30 a m, Petersburg 3.34 a m, Richmond 4.30 a m, Washington 7.41 a m, Baltimore 9.05 a m, Philadelphia 11.25 a m, New York 1.00 p m, Boston 8.40 p m.

SOUTHBOUND:

DAILY 5.35 P M — No. 65—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.32 p m, Chadbourn 5.04 p m, Marion 6.05 p m, Florence 6.45 p m, Sumter 8.45 p m, Columbia 10.05 p m, Denmark 6.30 a m, Augusta 9.10 a m, Macon 11.00 a m, Atlanta 12.15 p m, Charleston 10.30 p m, Savannah 12.50 a m, Jacksonville 7.30 a m, St. Augustine 10.30 a m, Tampa 5.45 p m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.45 P M — No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston 1.03 p m, *New York 9.00 p m, Philadelphia 12.05 a m, Baltimore 2.50 a m, Washington 4.30 a m, Richmond 9.05 a m, Petersburg 10.00 a m, Norfolk 8.40 a m, Weldon 11.50 a m, Tarboro 12.12 p m, Rocky Mount 12.46 p m, Wilson 1.12 p m, Goldsboro 3.10 p m, Warsaw 4.08 p m, Magnolia 4.16 p m.

DAILY 9.30 A M — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 7.15 night, New York 9.30 a m, Philadelphia 12.09 p m, Baltimore 2.25 p m, Washington 3.46 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 9.12 p m, †Norfolk 2.30 p m, Weldon 6.43 p m, †Tarboro 6.05 p m, Rocky Mount 5.45 a m, leave Wilson 8.30 a m, Goldsboro 7.03 a m, Warsaw 7.53 a m, Magnolia 8.06 a m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 12.15 P M — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 9.35 a m, Sanford 2.19 p m, Jacksonville 7.00 p m Savannah 12.45 night, Charleston 5.30 a m, Columbia 5.50 a m, Atlanta 7.15 a m, Macon 9.00 a m, Augusta 2.45 p m, Denmark 4.55 p m, Sumter 6.45 a m,, Florence 8.55 a m, Marion 9.41 a m, Chadbourn 10.35 a m, Lake Waccamaw 11.06 a m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 4.10 p m, Halifax 4.38 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.30 p m, Greenville 6.57 p m, Kinston 7 55 p m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7 55 a m, Greenville 8 57 a m, Arriving Halifax at 11 22 a m, Weldon 11 40 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 5.30 a m and 2 00 p m, arrive Parmele 9.10 a m and 6 40 p m; returning leaves Parmele 10.10 a m and 6 30 p, m, arrives Washington 11 35 a m and 7.30 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily at 5.30 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.50 p m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily at 7.30 a m., Arrive Tarboro 10.05 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.10 a m; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 8 35 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9 00 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 10 25 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.30 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8 a m, Nashville 8 35 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9 05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.15 a m and 4.10 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.00 a m, and 3.00 p m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 9.10 a m, arrive Latta 9.30 a m, Dillon 9 43 a m, Rowland 10 03 a m, returning leaves Rowland 5 38 p m, arrives Dillon 5.56 p m, Latta 6.09 p m, Pee Dee 6.30 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 a m, Chadbourn 10.40 a m, arrive Conway 1.00 p m, leave Conway 2 25 p m, Chadbourn 5.20 p m, arrive Hub 6.00 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6 42 p m, Manning 7.10 p m, arrive Lane's 7 48 p m, leave Lanes 8.26 a m, Manning 9.05 a m, arrive Sumter 9.35 a m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7.10 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 8.30 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 3 p m, arrive Lanes 8.25 a m, 5.25 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday 6 55 a m, arrive Darlington 9 28 a m, Cheraw 10 40 a m. Wadesboro 2 25 p m, leave Florence daily except Sunday 5.10 p m, arrive Darlington 6.40 p m, Hartsville 6 15 p m, Bennettsville 9.36 p m, Gibson 11 p m. Leave Florence Sunday only 9 a m, arrive Darlington 9.27 a m, Hartsville 10 15 a m.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday 6 15 a m, Bennettsville 6 41 a m, arrive Darlington 7 40 a m. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday 8 30 a m, arrive Darlington 7 1 a m, leave Darlington 7 45 a m, arrive Florence 8 15 a m. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 3 p m, Cheraw 5 15 p m, Darlington 6 27 p m, arrive Florence 6 55 p m. Leave Florence Sunday only 7 a m, Darlington 7 45 a m, arrive Florence 8 10 a m.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 3.05 p m, 11.15 p m, arrive Selma 3.50 p m, Smithfield 9.58 p m, Dunn 5.38 p m, Fayetteville 4.15 p m, 1.10 a m, Rowland 5.58 p m, returning leave Rowland 10.00 a m, Fayetteville 11.30 a m, 10.30 p m, Dunn 12.07 a m, Smithfield 12.46 p m, Selma 1.00 p m, arrive Wilson 1.42 p m, 12.10 a m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 6 30 a m, Creston 5 32 a m, arrive Denmark 6 20 a m. Returning leave Denmark 6 55 p m, Creston 5 47 p m, Sumter 6 40 p m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5 45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9.15 a m. Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 p m; arrives Creston 3 50 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bi-boyville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 7.45 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 8.45 p m. Returning leave Lucknow 6 05 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Elliott 8.35 a m and 3.30 p m.

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W., N. & N. Railway.

In Effect Sunday, May 17, 1896

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

NORTH BOUND		STATIONS.	SOUTH BOUND	
*6	†5		†7	35
A M	P M	—WILMINGTON—	P M	P M
7 00	2 10	Lv...Mulberry street...Ar	12 40	
9 50		Ar...Surry street Lv	12 30	3 25
11 00	3 55	Lv...Jacksonville Lv		12 05
11 50	4 30	Lv.....Mayesville.....Lv	10 48	10 55
12 30	4 44	Lv...Pollocksville.....Lv	10 09	9 18
1 30	5 45	Ar...Newbern Lv	9 25	8 50
	P M		A M	

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Traffic Manager. my 22 tf

Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad

Time Table.

In Effect Wednesday, May 27th, 1896.

GOING EAST.			GOING WEST.	
13 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday.		STATIONS.	4 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday.	
Arrive	Leave		Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 30	Goldsboro	11 25	.....
.....	4 12	Kinston, ...	10 38	.....
5 15	5 25	Newbern	9 17	9 30
6 27	6 42	Morehead City...	8 03	8 07
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11 25 a m., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 p. m., and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 p. m., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 p. m. No. 1 train also connects with W. N. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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CONDENSED SCHEDULE.

IN EFFECT FEBRUARY 7, 1897.

SOUTH BOUND DAILY	MAIN LINE.	NORTH BOUND DAILY
No. 1.		No. 2.
1 45 p. m.	Ar...Wilmington...Lv	7 50 a.
4 25 "	Lv...Fayetteville...Ar	11 00 a. m.
4 18 "	Ar...Fayetteville...Lv	11 11 "
4 19 "	Ar Fayetteville June Lv	11 27 "
9 25 "	Lv.....Sanford.....Lv	1 00

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, FEB. 9, 1897

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Fluctuations of the Market on the Chicago Exchange.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—The wheat market afforded speculators plenty of action to-day. It began the session at about 1¾c decline from yesterday, advancing 1¾c during the morning, and after noon dropped back to the opening price. The fluctuations were caused by the reductions and increases in stocks in this country and abroad. May wheat opened from 76¼ to 76⅝c, advanced to 77⅜c, declined to and closed at 76½@76⅝c, ⅜c to ½c under Saturday. Cash wheat was irregular, closing at a ½c lower.

Corn was very steady early, but process gained little. That they did not depreciate was, however, considered encouraging. The strength of wheat during the morning was naturally a help in preserving the tone of corn. The break in wheat in the last hour exerted a detrimental influence. May corn opened at 24¼c, sold between 24¼@24⅜c and 23⅞@24c, closing at the inside, ⅜c under Saturday. Cash corn was steady.

Oats were steady to firm up until noon, obtaining strength from neighboring speculative markets. Prices weakened at the close at the general inclination of the other markets to decline. May oats closed ½c lower than Saturday. Cash oats were steady for good and ¼c lower for off grades.

There was quite a shortage in the receipts of hogs this morning from what was expected, and prices of product benefited thereby. At the yards there was a 5@10c advance, and provisions appreciated to correspond. May pork closed a shade higher; May lard and ribs each 2½c higher.

SPOTS AND FUTURES.

New York Sun's Review of the Cotton Market.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—The *Sun* says: Spot cotton here declined 1-16c. with sales of 288 bales for spinning and 100 delivered on contracts. Middling uplands 7¼c. against 8 3-16c. last year.

The speculation in cotton to-day was the broadest and most active witnessed in many weeks. The fluctuations in prices were frequent and sharp early in the day and the trading included orders from Liverpool, the South and local outsiders. Liverpool was weak and selling orders were received from that market. The movement to the ports was larger than had been expected and tired longs here sold freely, causing a sharp break in prices. The spot markets at the South were generally lower and quiet, the estimated receipts at Houston and New Orleans were considered large and there was a disposition here to support prices. Before the close however, the decline was checked on reports that sales of 750 000 pieces of print cloths; 800,000 futures and 250 000 spots had been sold at Fall River at 2 9-16c. This induced some of the early sellers to buy back their cotton and a slight rally ensued, but the last prices showed a sharp net decline for the day.

MONROE JOHNSON

Hanged in the County Jail in Charlotte Yesterday for Burglary.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Feb. 8.—Monroe Johnson, colored, was hanged in the county jail in this city at 11.15 this morning. His neck was broken by the fall and he was pronounced dead within eleven minutes. Johnson was convicted of the burglary of the home of Mr. Cowan Shields, on the night of January 8, 1896. Miss Shields was awakened by some one fumbling over her bed. On making an outcry she was shot at twice and thrown over a trunk. Downstairs the escaping burglar shot and wounded Mr. Shields. The latter recognized the voice and identified the face as that of Monroe Johnson. Efforts were made to get the Governor to interfere but he refused to do so. Johnson's last words on the scaffold were that he was innocent.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Febuary 8.—Rosin quiet; strained common to good $1 70. Spirits turpentine firm at 28½@29c.

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CHARLESTON, February 8.—Spirits turpentine firm at 24½c; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales — barrels: A, B, C $1 40, D, E $1 45, F $1 45, G $1 50, H $1 85, I $1 80, K $1 80, M $1 85, W G $1 90, W W $2 15.

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A dispatch from Princeton, Ind., says the extensive shops of the Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis Railway Company in this city, were destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning. Loss $75 000 to $100 000.

Commodore Dewey, Commander Brownson, Naval Constructor Hanscom, Passed Assistant Engineer Kaemerling and Lieut Staunton have been detailed to meet in Bristol, R. I., to-morrow and make a speed trial of the torpedo boat No. 8.

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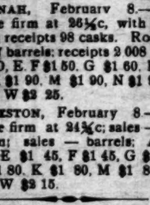

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SENATE AND HOUSE.

THE ANGLO-AMERICAN ARBITRATION TREATY UNDER CONSIDERATION.

The Senate Indulged in an Exhibition of Its Utter Disregard of the Reasons Assigned by President Cleveland for Withholding His Approval from a Bill Passed by Both Houses.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Practically the whole of to-day's session of the Senate took place behind closed doors, the question under consideration being the Anglo-American arbitration treaty.

During the morning hour, before the motion to proceed to executive business was made by Mr. Sherman (Republican, of Ohio), chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Senate indulged in an exhibition of its utter disregard of the reasons assigned by President Cleveland for withholding his approval from a bill passed by both Houses. It was a bill creating a new judicial district in Texas. The United States judge, district attorney, marshal and clerk had reported to the Department of Justice that the proposed legislation was not only necessary, but that it would be a serious interruption to the business of the court, and on that report the President had acted in vetoing the bill.

He was roundly taken to task by Mr. Mills of Texas, Democrat, for having consulted those officials instead of consulting the two Senators and thirteen Representatives from the State of Texas.

Remarkably enough, however, Mr. Hoar of Massachusetts, Republican, found "very strong, good and honest reasons" for the President's action, but still favored the bill in the interest of the people living in the counties embraced within the new district. And when it came to the yea and nay vote there was but one Senator, Mr. Cafferty of Louisiana, Democrat, recorded against the bill, while there were fifty-seven Senators voting to pass it notwithstanding the President's objections.

A concurrent resolution for the withdrawal of a bill from the President on account of the discovery of a substantial mistake in it led Mr. Hill of New York, Democrat, to question the constitutionality of such a proposition; and the matter went over for further consideration.

In accordance with his notice, Mr. Sherman moved an executive session a few minutes after 1 o'clock, at the conclusion of the morning business, and the doors were closed for the consideration of the arbitration treaty with Great Britain. Mr. Hill at once made a motion that the doors be opened and the debate proceeded in the presence of the public. He laid some stress upon the ridiculousness of a debate upon the matter, the text of which was in possession of the public; not only the text, but the amendments proposed by the committee, which were published in full despite the refusal of the Senate to remove the injunction of secrecy therefrom. The motion was antagonized not only upon parliamentary grounds, but for the reason that it would be against public policy for such proceedings to be permitted. Mr. Gray, of Delaware, was the first speaker to antagonize the motion of the Senator from New York.

Senator Gray was followed by Senators Lodge and Sherman, who likewise opposed the motion of Senator Hill. Both these members of the Foreign Committee took the broad ground that such a proceeding was against the established precedent of the Senate, and if it was agreed to could only lead to ill results. Treaties were solemn compacts with other Powers and whatever was said in the consideration of their merits ought to be said behind closed doors. If there was to be criticism it ought not to be in public places, where the heat of debate might lead to the utterance of sentiments that might be prejudicing to the friendliness between the two nations.

In the course of his remarks, Mr. Lodge said that so far as his personal interests were concerned, he would favor an open session, for the reason that it would enable him to show his constituents and the country just what he desired with respect to this treaty; but when he considered the subject from the standpoint of what was best for the country he saw very clearly that a closed session was not only desirable, but imperative. Open doors meant less debate, and what he wanted was action. He did not wish to see this treaty debated to death. As amended and reported to this late, he favored it, and desired that such a course might be pursued as would lead to its ratification by the Senate.

Mr. Morgan, another member of the committee, also antagonized the motion of Mr. Hill. He began his speech with the statement that he supposed an immediate vote would be taken, but fifteen minutes after this statement was made there was no indication of an approaching conclusion of the speech of the Senator from Alabama. Mr. Morgan took grounds similar to those upon which the preceding speakers had stood.

Senator Stewart, of Nevada, made a vigorous speech in favor of an open session. While he did not say so in words, the inference was drawn from his remarks that he desired such a session for the reason that it would be conducive to the defeat of the treaty.

Mr. Hill again took the floor and made a brief speech in favor of his motion and was replied to by Mr. Sherman, who made a final appeal to Senator snot to open the doors on such an important matter as was now before the Senate. The vote was then taken and resulted in an overwhelming majority against public debate. The votes cast in favor of an open session were: Brown of Utah, Hill of New York, Lindsay of Kentucky, Peffer of Kansas, Roach of North Dakota, Stewart of Nevada, Tillman of South Carolina and Teller of Colorado. The consideration of the treaty on its merits was then begun and lasted until 5 35 p. m., when the Senate adjourned until to-morrow.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

To-day's session of the House of Representatives was taken up almost wholly in the consideration of business relating to the District of Columbia. None of them were of more than local interest or importance.

The copy of the returns of the votes of the several States for Presidential electors, which the law directs shall be sent to the speaker, were laid before the House and will remain on the table until the official canvass of the vote is made on Wednesday.

Mr. Terry of Alabama, Democrat, asked if there was a report from all the States, and Speaker Reed replied that he believed there was; that under the law one copy was sent to the President of the Senate, and one to the Speaker of the House.

Mr. Talbert of South Carolina, Democrat, endeavored to get before the House a concurrent resolution of the Legislature of his State favoring Cuban recognition, but objection was made to its reading and to printing it in the *Record*. Mr. Talbert was compelled to content himself with a reference of the resolution to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Grosvenor of Ohio, Republican, and Richardson, of Tennessee, Democrat, tellers on the part of the House to count the electoral vote.

The second agreement of the conference on the Immigration bill was presented to the House by Mr. Danford of Ohio, Republican, who gave notice that he would call it up for action to-morrow.

At 5.10 o'clock the House adjourned.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE STEAMER THREE FRIENDS.

Captain Taylor Ordered to Go to Sea With the Battleship Indiana and Join Admiral Bunce's Squadron — William Mongo to be District Judge For the District of Nebraska.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—A certificate was filed to-day in the office of the clerk of the Supreme Court, signed by Clerk McKee, of the Court of Appeals from fifth circuit, located at New Orleans, setting forth that an appeal had been filed in that court from the decree of the Florida court, which had original jurisdiction of the proceedings against the Three Friends, an alleged Cuban filibustering steamer. The fact that this appeal had been taken was one of the grounds on which the petition of Attorney General Harmon for a writ of certiorari to bring the case direct to the Supreme Court was opposed last Monday by Mr. W. Hallett Phillips, counsel for the owners of the boat. There was, however, no evidence that the appeal had been perfected. The case will be argued before the Supreme Court next Monday by the Attorney General and Mr. Phillips.

Captain Taylor has been ordered to go to sea with the battleship Indiana and join Admiral Bunce's squadron as soon as the weather moderates. This order was the result of a conference between Secretary Herbert, Assistant Secretary McAdoo, Admiral Ramsey and Chief Constructor Hichborn this morning, at which Naval Constructor Taylor, who inspected the Indiana's turrets yesterday, reported that nothing was the matter with the vessel. After considering all the reports the conclusion was reached by those in the conference that the return of the ship to Hampton Roads was unnecessary, and it is thought that Admiral Bunce, as soon as the opportunity offers, will have a court of inquiry into the affair. The Indiana may go to sea to-night.

The battleship Massachusetts dropped down from the navy yard to Tompkinsville yesterday and will proceed directly to join Admiral Bunce off Charleston. The Dolphin has left Beaufort for Charleston. The Newark left Palm Beach, Fla., yesterday on her way to St. Johns, where she is due to day. She will go to Port Royal Wednesday.

Considering the number of important judicial nominations pending before it, the Committee on the Judiciary is making very little headway in clearing up its executive calendar. For more than an hour this morning Senator Hansbrough, of North Dakota, was heard in opposition to the confirmation of Charles F. Amidon, nominated some weeks ago to be district judge for the district of North Dakota. Mr. Hansbrough stated that Mr. Amidon was lacking in training and had not, in the opinion of nine-tenths of the bar of the State, the mind of a jurist. He insisted that his confirmation would be a mistake. Nothing was said against Mr. Amidon personally.

Senator Roachof North Dakota, urged the confirmation and stated that the bar was with him. The committee took no action.

The nomination of William H Munger to be District Judge for the district of Nebraska, was laid over for one week.

A complicated condition of affairs has arisen in the District of Columbia owing to the failure of the committee to take action this morning on the nomination of Henry E. Davis, to be District Attorney for the District of Columbia. Under the law the term of office of the United States District Attorney for the District of Columbia expires by limitation at the end of four years and no provision is made for a successor, temporarily or otherwise, until the new appointee is confirmed by the Senate. The retiring District Attorney's term expired Friday evening last. The committee is agreed that there is no authority given the courts of the District to make a temporary appointment. The police court of the district being a United States Court, is under the jurisdiction of the District Attorney and his deputies have charge of the prosecution of the most petty of officers in that local court.

Since Saturday not a case has been tried nor can the business proceed if the contention of the Senate Committee is correct until a new District Attorney has been confirmed and he can name his deputies. Meanwhile the criminal docket of the District Peace Court is piling and cases are being postponed pending the action of the Senate.

Despite this condition of affairs, the committee did not reach the Davis nomination this morning. There is some opposition to the nominee by the silver men because Mr. Davis was active in his opposition to the Chicago ticket and platform. The committee appears to be almost evenly divided. The committee will meet in special session Thursday to dispose of this and several other important nominations.

A joint resolution was subsequently reported to the Senate, where it was passed, authorizing the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia to fill any vacancy in the office of District Attorney for the District of Columbia. This resolution, when passed by the House and signed by the President, will enable the business of the Criminal Court of the District to proceed, pending the action of the Senate, upon any nomination for District Attorney that may be submitted.

The Senate Committee on Inter State Commerce took the anti-ticket scalping bill up this morning, and after an informal discussion agreed that it would be impossible to pass the bill at this session and that any report that might be made would be useless. The House has refused to give the bill a day for consideration.

Secretary Herbert has ordered the cruiser Montgomery to Mobile for a week, commencing March 1st, during the Mardi Gras festivities. The Texas will probably go to New Orleans at the same time.

Admiral Bunce telegraphs the Navy Department through Captain Crowninshield of the Maine, that the cruiser Columbia and monitor Amphitrite reached the bar off Charleston last night, the Marblehead at 9 o'clock this morning, the Maine at 10 o'clock and the flagship New York this afternoon.

Consul General Lee telegraphs the State Department that correspondent Scovel, arrested at Tunas, will be brought to Havana, reaching there Friday next, and he apprehends no difficulty in the case. It is thought here that Scovel will be expelled from the island after a brief imprisonment, pending examination.

It is said that the House Committee on Elections, which has charge of the election contest brought by Thos. Watson, of Georgia, recently the Populist candidate for Vice President, against Representative Black, has decided to confirm Judge Black's title to his seat. The verdict, it is understood, is unanimous.

Representative Bartlett, of Georgia, a Democratic member of the committee, will make the report in favor of Mr. Black.

There will be no objection to the counting of the electorial vote of South Carolina at the joint convention of Congress on Wednesday. Murray, the colored representative from that State, who originated the proposition, and who proposed the memorial upon which the objection was to be based to-day, stated that he would not make the proposed objection. "No good would be accomplished by it" he said briefly in explanation of his changed purpose, and "much harm might result."

ADMIRAL BUNCE'S FLEET

RAN STRAIGHT INTO THE TEETH OF A TERRIFIC STORM.

Battleship Maine Had Six of Her Men Overboard, Three of Them Losing Their Lives—The Marblehead Lost One Man Killed and Six Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 8.—The United States warships New York, Maine, Columbia, Amphitrite and Marblehead arrived off Charleston bar to-day after a terrible experience with the storm, which swept up the South Atlantic coast Friday and Saturday. The cruiser Columbia and the battleship Maine were sighted from Sullivan's Island early in the forenoon and the flagship New York, the monitor Amphitrite and the cruiser Marblehead steamed into view later, the flagship being the last of the squadron to reach an anchorage to the north of Charleston lightship. All five of the vessels are now at anchor about two miles off the bar. Admiral Bunce's fleet ran straight into the teeth of a terrific storm Friday night. The warships were forty miles off the North Carolina coast and well below Hatteras, and while the officers are as usual unwilling to discuss their experiences, it is known that both ships and men were in great peril.

When the fleet was visited by a representative of the Southern Associated Press this afternoon it was learned that the actual loss consisted of four lives, eight men seriously injured and minor injuries to almost all of the vessels themselves. The battleship Maine had six of her men overboard, three of them losing their lives. The Marblehead lost one man killed and six injured. The killed on the Maine were: L. C. Kogel, apprentice, dashed to death against the turrets and body lost at sea; A. B. Nelson, private in United States marine, washed overboard, drowned and body lost; John Brown, seaman, washed overboard, drowed and body lost.

The Marblehead lost Ship's Carpenter Strawhat, who was dashed to death by the sea. His body was saved and buried at sea Sunday. Seven of the carpenter's gang, who were at work on the sea anchor, were hurled against the superstructure of the ship by the sea, and more or less injured. Their names are: Dennis Ryan, blacksmith; Charles Osborne, shipwright; apprentices Scanland and Regan, and Hicker, plumber. Hicker sustained a compound fracture of the skull, and his injuries are serious. Arrangements have been made for placing all of the injured seamen in the Marine Hospital here, and they will be transferred from their ships to the shore to-morrow.

WARM WIRELETS.

Treasure balances: Coin $323,599,268; currency $59 048 061.

Hon. John Randolph Tucker's condition is reported as being weaker Monday and not so favorable as on yesterday.

Senator Harris passed a comfortable day but does not gain strength very fast. He is still critically ill in Washington.

It is reported that the Victor Knitting mills at Cohoes, which has been shut down several weeks, will resume operations this week, employing 900 hands.

A telegram to the Navy Department announces the death of Naval Cadet Chas. A. Walker, at Taunton, Mass., yesterday. Cadet Walker was invalided home from the cruiser Minneapolis.

Secretary Francis ordered Land Commissioner Lamoris, to issue a patent to the Perrine heirs, of whom Dr Perrine, Mrs Cleviand's step father, is one, for 23,000 acres of lands in Southern Elorida.

A London dispatch from Athens to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that rumors are in circulation there that the warships of the Powers are bombarding the town of Canea, Crete. The rumor is discredited here.

A revivival in the Pittsburg, Pa., iron and steel business is expected here. Prices of steel billets are about 25 cents higher than last week and orders at last weeks' figures were refused. Pig iron prices are also advancing slightly.

The Pope yesterday attended a requiem mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Pius IX. His Holiness appeared to be in his usual state of health and spoke in a strong voice as he pronuced absolution at the conclusion of the services.

Advices received from Cania yesterday say that the Greek squadron has arrived at that place and that upon arriving failed to salute the Turkish flag, according to custom. The officer in command of the British warships at Canea paid a visit to the commander of the Greek vessels immediately upon their arrival.

A dispatch from Kansas City, Mo., says: Gen. Joe Shelby's condition is unchanged. He may live through another twenty four hours, but the physicians state that they wouldn't be surprised at a collapse at any moment. His mental faculties have apparently left him. He scarcely recognizes any person, and fails to respond to any questions.

At the Brooklyn Navy-yard yesterday was bustle aboard the battleship Texas, and stores were being taken aboard for her trip to Galveston. It was stated that the Texas is now ready for sea an is exected to sail tomorrow. On her arrival at Galveston, unless it is founnd perfectly feasible, she will not cross the bar but will layto outside. From Galveston she will go to New Orleans for the Mardi Gras Celebration.

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The old gentleman was very kindly in his manner, but the youth looked as though £1,000 belonged to eons hence.

"I like you very much, Talbot," her father went on, "and if there is any way I can advance your prospects do not hesitate for a moment to call on me. Can I be of any service to you at all?"

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Though I must admit that South Africa, taken as a whole, offers far less to attract the lover of natural beauty than does southern or western Europe or the Pacific states of North America, there are two kinds of charm which it possesses in a high degree. One is that of color. Monotonous as the landscapes often are, there is a warmth and richness of tone about them which fills and delights the eye. One sees comparatively little of that pale gray limestone which so often gives a hard and chilling aspect to the scenery of the lower ridges of the Alps and of large parts of the coasts of the Mediterranean. In Africa even the gray granite has a deeper tone than these limestones, and it is frequently covered by red and yellow lichens of wonderful beauty.

The dark basalts and porphyries which occur in so many places, the rich red tint which the surface of the sandstone rocks so often takes under the scorching sun, give great depth of tone to the landscape, and, though the flood of midday sunshine is almost overpowering, the lights of morning and evening touching the mountains with every shade of rose and crimson and violet, are indescribably beautiful. It is in these morning and evening hours that the charm of the pure, dry air is specially felt. Mountains 50 or 60 miles away stand out clearly enough to enable all the wealth of their color and all the delicacy of their outlines to be perceived, and the eye realizes, by the exquisitely fine change of color tinge between the nearer and the more distant ranges, the immensity and the harmony of the landscape.

Europeans may think that the continuous profusion of sunlight during most of the year may become wearisome. I was not long enough in the country to find it so, and I notice that those who have lived for a few years in South Africa declare they prefer that continuous profusion to the murky skies of Britain or Holland or north Germany. But even if the fine weather which prevails for eight months in the year be somewhat monotonous, there is compensation in the extraordinary brilliancy of the atmospheric effects throughout the rainy season and especially in its first weeks.

During nine days which I spent in the Transvaal at that season, when several thunderstorms occurred almost every day, the combinations of sunshine, lightning and cloud, and the symphonies—if the expression may be permitted—of light and shade and color which their changeful play produced in the sky and on the earth, were more various and more wonderful than a whole year would furnish forth for enjoyment in most parts of Europe.

A GIANT RACE.

How Three Stalwart Americans Created a Mild Sensation In England.

The friends of Dr. McVickar never tire of telling an adventure the good doctor had in the spring of 1883, when he went to Europe with the late Dr. Phillips Brooks and Mr. Robinson, the builder of Boston's Trinity church. Mr. Robinson stands 6 feet 2 inches in his stockings. Dr. McVickar measures 6 feet 4 inches, and Dr. Brooks exceeded 6 feet in height. While at Leeds they went to hear a lecturer address the workingmen on "America and Americans." The lecturer stated that Americans were, as a rule, very short in stature, and seldom, if ever, rose to the height of 5 feet 10 inches. In fact, they were a race of pygmies. He did not know to what cause to attribute that fact, but he wished that he could present examples. Dr. Brooks rose to his feet and stretched his immense frame to the utmost, as he said:

"I am an American. I do not exceed the average American in stature or in weight, and I sincerely hope if there is any other representative of my country present he will vouch for the truthfulness of my remarks."

In a moment Mr. Robinson arose and said in a stentorian voice:

"I am an American and am 6 feet 2 inches tall and am just below the average height of my countrymen. If there be any other American here, I hope he will corroborate me."

By this time the house was in a jolly humor. Waiting until the excitement could abate in some degree and the lecturer regain control of his nerves, Dr. McVickar arose, drew his form to its full height and exclaimed:

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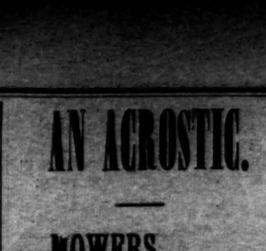

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NEW ARRIVALS

—AND—

Expected Departures.

A thousand coming, a hundred going. This won't do, they must go faster. We will help them along with a few special prices. Last week we offered five hundred yards of All-Wool Extra Super Two-Ply Carpet at 50c yard. The printer said "All-Wool Linen Carpet," but the people knew there was no such thing and came for All-Wool and got it.

Feb. 5th, This Week and Next. Feb. 13th.

300 All-Wool extra Super Carpet at 50c yard.

Just one dozen Chenille Covers, one and half yards square, at 50c each.

A few of those 35c Corsets left. Sizes 26, 27, 28, 29.

25 Japanese Rugs 3x5 feet, only $1.25 each.

50 Nubia Rugs. Special values $1.50 each.

100 Beautiful Oak Single Panel Screens at $1 each, filled.

Dasian Rugs—any size from the door mat to the large room size.

50 Pieces China and Fancy Japanese Matting. We carry the best, nothing else.

Gents' and Ladies' Underwear at 20 per cent. discount.

Jackets at 25 per cent. discount.

An endless variety of Embroideries from the sweetest patterns for children to the most exquisite designs.

Dress Goods—54-inch Ladies' Cloth, Spring shades at 50c yard.

Spring Novelties—We are keeping pace with fashion.

A few pieces of Silk left at 19 and 37½c per yard.

A line of Velvet Plushes thrown on the counter at 25c. They are worth $1 yard.

We have Warner's Corsets, R and G Corsets, Thompson's Glove Fitting Corsets, C-B a-la-sprite Corset, Silvia French woven Corset, Sole agency for Her Majesty's Corsets.

Ferries Waists.
Nazareth Waists.
Lace Curtains.
Notions.
Bring your Periodical Tickets.

A. D. BROWN,

No. 29 North Front St.

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From Early Dawn

UNTIL NINE AT NIGHT WE ARE offering for sale goods as described below. We want to move our stock, and prices is what talks, as business is no longer done on love and favor, but on solid merit and low prices.

We have made some special low prices in Bleached 4 4 Sheeting, Columbus Bleaching, 1 yard, at 5c. Andrescoggin 4-4 Bleaching, perfectly free from dressing, nice pretty goods, at 6c. Fruit of the Loom, 1 yard, 6½c. 1 yard wide damaged Bleaching, at 4c. 1 yard wide heavy Sheeting in remnants, at 4½c, worth 6c. Beautiful Sea Island Sheeting at 4½c. Pee Dee Plaids at 4½c.

Good Pants Cloth for boys' pants at 8c. Very heavy Kersey, thick and strong, at 12½c. Wool Jeans at 18 and 20c. Cotton Jeans at 9½c.

SHOES, SHOES—Don't go barefooted, as it will not pay. Men's heavy solid leather Creedmores at 95c a pair. Oak tan whole stock Creedmores; high cut, at $1.25 a pair. Beautiful stock Men's fine Buff Calf, Lace or Congress, all solid Shoes, cheap, new goods, at $1.35. Women's Pebble Polka at 85, 95 and $1.00. Women's Pat. Tip Dongola finish button Shoes in large sizes, from 5's to 8's, at 68c a pair. Ladies' very fine line of Dongola Shoes at $1.25 and 1 50. 144 pairs of fine French Kid Shoes in small sizes, from 3½ to 4, in narrow lasts, from A, B, C and D width, worth $2 00 to 3 00, now $1.25 a pair to close. A big job in Children's Shoes from 19, 25 and 35c a pair. Boys' Shoes from 75c, $1 00 to $1 25 a pair. Men's fine Calf Shoes $1 75, 2 25 and 3 00 a pair. Boots from $1.75 to 2 25.

Men's heavy weight seamless heel Socks at 5c. Full line of Children's fast color Black Hose, all sizes from 5½ to 9½, at 10c a pair.

Suspenders from 5 to 35c a pair.

A big drive in new Trunks. One solid car-load received yesterday, 26 inch Zic Covered Trunk, with bonnet box, for $1.15 each; 28 inch, 1 45; 30 inch, 1 75; 32 inch, 1 95; 34 inch, 2 15; 36 inches long, 2 35 each. Packing Trunks from 25c to $1.10 each. Telescopes, 14 inches long, for 50c; Canvass Covered, with leather straps, up to 24 inches long, at $1.40 each.

Fine line of Men's Laundred Shirts in percale finish, with cuffs and collars attached, at 33c each. Gent's Unlaundred White Shirts, all sizes, linen bosom, at 29c each.

We are busy all the time, but clerks are cheap. Come along, we promise to wait on you, at 113 North Front street.

Geo. O. Gaylord, Prop.,

feb 7 tf Of Wilmington's Big Racket Store.

A Saving to Cash Buyers

AT THE STORE OF

C. W. Polvogt & Co.

DRY GOODS AND CARPETS.

We Offer During the Coming Week a

Discount of Ten Per Ct.

On all CASH SALES in order to reduce our stock, and make room before our Buyer goes North for Spring Goods. This is a great saving to those who will need goods in our line. Come early and avoid the rush.

C. W. Polvogt & Co.,

Agents for Butterick Patterns and W. B. Corsets.

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GREATEST BARGAINS

—IN—

Men's, Boys' and Children's Clothing

Scrivens' Pat. Feam C Flannel Draws	$ 89	40c Dress Goods now	$ 25
$12 50 Overcoats—only a few left	8 50	75c " " "	50
$ 50 Overcoats and Ulsters	3 00	$1 25 " " "	75
Men's heavy Pants only	50	Some very pretty patterns among them.	
$5 00 Pants for 15 days only	3 00	White and Colored Homespun	03
Sweaters at 25c, 50c, 98c and	1 50	6c yard wide Bleaching	05
Big drive in Underwear	25	Best 10c Bleaching	06
Men's Flannelette